

## July 2005

### FEMINIST EXHIBITION

Australian University History Departments: Second Wave Feminism. 'Virtual exhibitions' on Second Wave Feminism at [www.womenaustralia.info](http://www.womenaustralia.info) Contact: Marie (02) 6248 6937.

### ANNIVERSARY

National Foundation for Australian Women (NFAW) / Committee for the Day of Celebration: Celebrate 30 Years Since International Women's Year! The NFAW aims to advance the interests of Australian women. Women's organisations can access assistance to tax-effective fund raising. **Information:** [www.nfaw.org/](http://www.nfaw.org/)

### SINGLE MOTHERS' GROUP

**Solo Mums (WA).** Would you like to be part of an email list that keeps single mothers in WA informed and up-to-date on issues, policies, research, debate and media relevant to Solo Mums, their families and their rights? For more information, or to subscribe via email: [solomotherswa@hotmail.com](mailto:solomotherswa@hotmail.com)

### 2-24 July - NAIDOC EXHIBITION

**NAIDOC 2005 - Pinjarra Art & Cultural Exhibition:** Official Opening 2 July. **When:** 6pm. Weekdays 9am-5pm / Saturday 10am-4pm / Sunday 12noon-4pm. **Where:** Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, on the Boardwalk, Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah Eastern Foyer. **Costs:** Free. **Contact:** Karrie Anne 9531 2191.

### 4 July - NAIDOC OPENING

**Bulup Kulung Committee: NAIDOC Opening Ceremony.** At the Cultural Centre outside Alexander Library, James Street, Northbridge. All welcome! Presenting Awards to Indigenous sports women and men, and 'Aboriginal of the Year'. **When:** 10am-12.30pm Monday 4 July. **Contact:** Edith 9271 6043.

### 4 July - WA WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2005

**Office for Women's Policy: Workshop for Applications for the WA Women's Fellowship 2005.** Applications are sought for the Western Australian Women's Fellowship 2005. The staff of the Office for Women's Policy will assist applicants to apply for the Fellowship at a free workshop on Monday 4 July. Childcare will be provided. It is not necessary to attend the workshop to apply for the Fellowship. Remote, regional and rural women can also participate as the workshop will be held as a video conference through the state's Telecentres. **When:** Registration: 9.45am. **Workshop:** 10am-12.30pm. **Where:** e-Central TAFE, 2nd Floor Theatre, 140 Royal Street, East Perth. **Cost:** Free. For further information contact Women's Information Service on 2964 1900 / 1800 199 174.

### 5, 7, 11, 19 July - WOMEN'S GROUPS

**Women's Health Resource Centre, Geraldton:** 5 July- Natural Remedies for Coughs & Colds. **When:** 10-11am. 7 July- Information & Social Group. Meet new people over morning tea. **When:** 10-11am. 11 July- Families in Prison Support Group. Meet others in the same situation. **When:** 9.30-10.30am. 19 July- Menopause Support Group. **When:** 3.30-4.30pm. Plus much more! All free. **Contact:** 9964 2742 / 1800 196 688.

### 7 July - NAIDOC FAMILY DAY

**Derbari Yerrigan Health Services Inc. / Shire of Bassendean: NAIDOC Family Day 2005.** Enjoy a day of family fun and celebrate NAIDOC! Face painting, story telling, didgeridoo playing, information stalls, baby show, refreshments and more. A smoke and alcohol free event. **When:** 10am-3pm. **Where:** Ashfield Reserve, Fisher Street, Bassendean. **Cost:** Free. **Contact:** Leisure Services, Town of Bassendean 9377 8000 / Kristen or Meg 9421 3888.

### 7 July - YOUTH BALL

**Langford Aboriginal Association Inc / Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination. Junior NAIDOC Ball.** For youth 12-17 years of age. Three course meal and entertainment! **When:** 7pm-late. **Where:** Willow Pond Reception Centre, Lot 55 Nicholson Road, Canningvale. **Cost:** \$30. **Contact:** Michelle 9451 1424.

### 7 July - LUNCHEON

**Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Perth: Table Talk Luncheon.** **Guest Speaker:** Peter Hughes, Ball bombing survivor. **When:** 12 noon to approx 1.30pm. **Where:** YWCA, 179 Main St, Osborne Park. **Cost:** \$12 (includes lunch & drinks). **Contact:** Susie 9440 3501 (10am-3pm Mon-Thu).

### 8 July - INDIGENOUS CONFERENCE

**Aboriginal Studies Association of WA Inc (ASAWA): 9th Annual Conference: Resources for Courses- 'Aboriginal Studies for Everyone.'** Education of all Australians about Aboriginal Australia. **Where:** Kurongkurl Katijjin, Indigenous Australian Studies, Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley. **When:** Dinner 8 July 7pm / Conference 9 July 9am-3.30pm / AGM 3.30-4.30pm. **Cost:** Corporate \$40 / Individual \$20 / Conc. \$30 / ASAWA Members Free. **Contact:** Keith 13 43 28.

### 8 July - CLOSING DATE

**ArtsWA / Department of Culture and the Arts: Arts Grants - July Funding Round.** ArtsWA invites applications from individuals, groups and organisations (except film, television and radio) in these categories: Indigenous Arts, Young People and the Arts, Arts Development. Also Contemporary Music / Designer Fashion funding programs. **Information:** [www.artswa.wa.gov.au](http://www.artswa.wa.gov.au) **Contact:** ArtsWA 9224 7310 / 1800 199 090.

### 8 July - NAIDOC BALL

**NAIDOC Aboriginal Ball:** Tickets available. **Where:** Novotel Langley Hotel, Perth. **When:** 7.30pm Friday. **Cost:** \$85 - includes three-course meal, beer, wine, soft drinks and live music. To book tables of 10 call Dot 9228 2428 or 9228 2429.

### 8 July - NAIDOC EVENTS

**NAIDOC Open Day Breakfast, Langford.** **Contact:** Cassandra 9451 1424. Many other NAIDOC events are planned, including the following: **Children Sport Carnival: Under 13's Football Game / Under 13's Netball Game, Cultural Story Telling, BBQ / Children Activities.** **Contact:** Miranda 9247 0700.

### 12 July - RESEARCH WORKSHOP

**National Council of Women of Australia (NCWA): Women and Mobile Phones.** NCWA recently won a \$5,000 Telstra Community Funding Grant for research on the impact of the mobile phone on women. This is the first time there has been a gender perspective study on mobile phone usage. Women of all ages are invited to participate. Tea, coffee and light lunch included. **When:** 12noon-2pm. **Where:** Australian Asian Association of WA, 275 Stirling Street, Perth. **RSVP:** 8 July for catering. **Contact:** Lesley, Project Officer 9349 3080 / [lcangemi@iinet.net.au](mailto:lcangemi@iinet.net.au)

## Information for Women

Thong tin dành cho phụ nữ  
معلومات للسيدات  
Πληροφορίες για γυναίκες  
Informazioni per le Donne  
Informationen für Frauen

### 13 July - WISE WOMEN WEDNESDAY

**National Council of Women of WA (NCWWA): Is Laughter the Best Medicine?** **Speaker:** Janni Goss (The Laughter Lady). Laughter is the most cost-effective remedy to reduce the effects of stress and enhance health and well-being. An interactive presentation. **Where:** NCWWA's Office, 1st Floor, 10 Victoria Avenue, Perth. **When:** 12.30-2pm. Bring your own lunch. **Contact:** [kath.mazzella@bigond.com](mailto:kath.mazzella@bigond.com) / 0402 605 603.

### 14 July - WOMEN'S CLUB

**Voice Interest and Education of Women (VIEW): New Club in Dianella.** VIEW has attracted 25,000 women to more than 400 clubs Australia-wide. Come along and enjoy a meal with new friends, hear informative guest speakers, learn new skills and exchange interesting ideas. The Smith Family started the clubs to encourage women to enhance their quality of life. **When:** 6.30pm, second Thursday of the month. **Where:** Dianella Hotel. **Contact:** Jackie 9448 4591.

### 15 July - NOMINATIONS CLOSE

**Australasian Council of Women and Policing (ACWAP): 2005 Excellence in Policing Awards.** ACWAP is calling for nominations for the 7th Annual Excellence in Policing Awards. The awards will be presented 22 August at the Council's Improving Policing for Women in the Asia Pacific Conference Dinner in Darwin. **Information:** [www.auspol-women.asn.au](http://www.auspol-women.asn.au) **Contact:** Talei 8463 7074 / [Talei.Bentley@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:Talei.Bentley@police.sa.gov.au)

### 18-22 July - TRAINING

**FPWA (Family Planning WA): Nuts and Bolts of Sexual Health.** New, five day program provides skills required to work with sexual health issues. For a range of community workers in relevant fields including drug and alcohol, health, education, peer educators, Indigenous communities and youth. **Applications:** Close 5pm 8 July. **Where:** FPWA, Northbridge. **Cost:** \$500. **Contact:** Cherie 9227 6177 / [cherie@fpwa-health.org.au](mailto:cherie@fpwa-health.org.au) / [www.fpwa-health.org.au](http://www.fpwa-health.org.au)

### 20 July - WOMEN'S DINNER

**Zonta Club of Swan Hills: Monthly Dinner Meeting.** Guests are most welcome. Zonta is an international service organisation working to improve the status of women locally and internationally. **When:** 6.30-10pm. **Where:** Isadora's Cafe, 147 James Street, Guildford. **Cost:** \$25 dinner / \$4 wine. **Contact:** Ruth 9294 2178 / [zonta@extremedsl.com.au](mailto:zonta@extremedsl.com.au) / <http://zontash.dds.net.au>

### 22 July - ENTRIES CLOSE

**The 2005 Community Services Industry Awards** Recognise and celebrate the community services industry's valuable role in making a positive difference to individuals, families and communities. Nominate outstanding individuals, program and services in your community and encourage them to apply for an Award. Winners in each category will receive a \$5,000 grant. **Information:** Visit [community.wa.gov.au/csia](http://community.wa.gov.au/csia) / email [csia@dcd.wa.gov.au](mailto:csia@dcd.wa.gov.au) **Contact:** Corporate Communications 9222 2541.

### 22 July - CLOSING DATE

**Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC): Voices of Australia.** It is the 30th anniversary of the 1975 Racial Discrimination Act. HREOC are creating a magazine and audio CD of real-life stories about living together in Australia. They want a story from you! Post, fax or send online. **For information / send your story:** [www.humanrights.gov.au/voices/](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/voices/) / Fax (02) 9284 9849 - Attention: Voices of Australia.

### 23 July - BOOKINGS CLOSE

**National Foundation for Australian Women (NFAW) / UNIFEM Australia / Jessie St Trust & National Women's Library: Day of Celebration:** All profits assist a UNIFEM scholarship for three women law students from developing nations. **Bookings:** Close 23 July. **Information:** [www.nfaw.org/news\\_events.htm](http://www.nfaw.org/news_events.htm) **Contact:** [Kathleen.nfaw@welldone.com.au](mailto:Kathleen.nfaw@welldone.com.au) / (02) 4422 2208.

### 25 July-29 August - SAFETY COURSE

**Pat Giles Centre: Safety in the Home and Car.** Learn first aid, fire safety, basic maintenance skills to increase the safety of you and your family in the home and car. Free childcare, morning tea provided. Funded by the Attorney General's Department's National Crime Prevention Program. **When:** Mondays 10am-12.30pm. **Where:** Pat Giles Centre. **Cost:** Free. **RSVP:** 20 July. **Contact:** 9300 0340.

### 25-26 July - WORKSHOPS

**Sexual Assault Resource Centre: Responding to Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse.** For health / welfare workers, medical / emergency staff, police, Indigenous workers, those with abused clients. **When:** 25/7 9.30am-9.30pm / 26/7 9.30am-4.30pm. **Where:** Conference Centre, 1st Floor, Geraldton Regional Hospital. **Cost:** \$44- day / \$88- full day / \$176- 4 workshops / \$220 all workshops. **Payment exemptions:** [suzanne.helgott@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:suzanne.helgott@health.wa.gov.au) **Contact:** SARC 9340 1820 / [judi.stone@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:judi.stone@health.wa.gov.au)

### 27 July - INFORMATION SEMINARS

**Baha'i Office of Equality WA / Office for Women's Policy: Just Knowing - Women's Sport West.** Morning tea information seminars. Fun, learning and friendship. Also on following dates: **31 August- Volunteering WA.** **28 September- Domestic Violence Legal Aid.** **26 October- Office for Seniors' Interests.** **When:** Last Wednesday each month 10.30am-12.30pm. **Cost:** Free to all women. Free child minding. **Where:** Baha'i Centre of Learning, cnr North Lake Rd & Marmion Ave, Myaree. **Contact:** Sahba 0402 918 783 / [equality@wa.bahai.rog.au](mailto:equality@wa.bahai.rog.au)

### 27 July - MENOPAUSE INFORMATION FORUM

**The Meeting Place Community Centre, South Fremantle. Menopause Balance.** **Speakers:** Dr Sandra Parsons, Neerja Ahuja- Ayurvedic Practitioner and Kate Kennedy- Naturopath. Menopause is a natural rite of passage unique to women. Ways to manage symptoms including lifestyle, diet, natural therapies and hormone replacement therapy. Afternoon tea included. **When:** 12.30-3pm. **Cost:** Members: \$15 or \$6.25 conc. / Non Members: \$20 or \$11.25 conc. **Contact:** The Meeting Place 9335 3394

### 28 July-1 September - SELF ESTEEM

**Pat Giles Centre: Women's Self Esteem Group.** Gain an understanding of self-esteem, influences on our beliefs, and techniques for healthy self-esteem Morning tea provided and free childcare available. Kindly funded by Office of Crime Prevention. **When:** 10am-12.30pm. **Where:** Pat Giles Centre. **Cost:** Free. **Must RSVP/Contact:** 9300 1022.

### 28 July - INDIGENOUS CARERS

**Polykulcha Inc: Self Care Day for Indigenous Carers.** Early years information and de-stress activities for Indigenous mums, grandmothers and foster mothers of children 0-8 years old living in Clarkson, Merriwa, Quinns Rocks, Ridgewood and surrounding areas. **When:** 9.30am-2.30pm. **Where:** Keith Maine Camp, Whiteman Park. **Cost:** Free. **Contact:** Alexis 93051588 / [polykulcha@aapt.net.au](mailto:polykulcha@aapt.net.au) for registration information.

### 29 July - CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

**Office of Aboriginal Health / Health Promotion Directorate: Aboriginal Health Promotion Conference 2005: Taking Control- Our Health, Our Future.** Call for expressions of interest. Oral presentations and posters which address health promotion topics are sought to share work in Aboriginal health promotion with Aboriginal Health Workers and other health professionals. **Where:** Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle. **When:** Conference 3-4 November. **Contact:** Allison, Office of Aboriginal Health 9222 4481 / [allison.bellottie@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:allison.bellottie@health.wa.gov.au)

### 30 July - WOMEN'S GROUP

**Papillon-Support Group for Women: Relationships.** **Guest Speaker:** Lynette Tobin. Please bring a small plate of goodies for afternoon tea. **When:** 2pm. **Where:** Chadlington Café, NorthCity Christian Centre, 31 Chadlington Drive, Hepburn Heights. **Cost:** \$3. **Contact:** Coral 9309 3005 / Christine 9296 1517.

### NAIDOC EVENTS - BROOME REGION CELEBRATIONS

**Kullari NAIDOC: NAIDOC WEEK Program.** NAIDOC celebrations will be run over 16 days in Broome, the Dampier Peninsula and Bidjardanga regions. Only some of the events are listed. For more contact Kira, the Kullari NAIDOC Project Coordinator. Major Sponsors: Indigenous Coordination Centre, Department of Indigenous Affairs, the Shire of Broome and Goolarri Media. **Contact:** Kira 9192 1325 / Fax 9193 6407 / [kira@gme.com.au](mailto:kira@gme.com.au)

### 1 JULY - RECONCILIATION MARCH / FLAG RAISING CEREMONY / NAIDOC FORUM. Opening of NAIDOC Celebrations.

**When:** 9-9.30am / 9.30-11am / 11-12noon. **Where:** Departs ICC offices, corner Dampier Tce & Short St. / Shire of Broome.

### 2 JULY - NAIDOC AWARDS CEREMONY.

**Cost:** Free. **When:** 7.30pm-midnight. **Where:** Goolarri Outdoor Venue, 7 Blackman Street.

### 4 JULY - CULTURAL SHARING DAY. Cultural Sharing.

**When:** 9.30-11am. **Where:** Manbana Aquaculture Discovery Centre, Murakami Rd, Port of Broome.

### 6 JULY - MARNJA JARNDU RECONCILIATION MORNING TEA.

**Where:** Circle House. **When:** 9.30am-12pm.

### 8 JULY - MARNJA JARNDU WOMEN'S KARAOKE.

Marnju Jarndu are inviting women from the community and female visitors to the region to come and enjoy this special evening of singing, gathering and sharing stories. **When:** 7.30pm-midnight. **Where:** Gimme Gimme Club, 7 Blackman St

### 16 JULY - NAIDOC CLOSING CEREMONY.

**When:** 10.30am-6.30pm. **Where:** Middle Beach, One Arm Point Community.

## 9 August - International Day of the World's Indigenous People

### 10 September - INTERNATIONAL GYNAECOLOGICAL AWARENESS DAY

**Gynaecological Awareness and Information Network (GAIN): The Great Gynae Day Out!** After last year's successful 'Great Gynae Debate', there is now 'The Great Gynae Day Out!' A full day of gynae fun, so put the date in the diary now and start getting a group together - mothers, daughters, sisters, friends and work colleagues. Lunch with special guest speakers. Essential Information for every woman. Come for a session or stay for the day - either way, it's a great day out for all the gals! Morning tea, Talkback Theatre, massage, reflexology, reiki, an art exhibition, High tea, and fashion show. This day is International Gynaecological Awareness Day - a celebration and information day for every woman, man and their children! **Sponsors:** GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). **When:** 10am-7pm. **Contact:** To register or for information, e-mail [mazzella@bigpond.com](mailto:mazzella@bigpond.com) / [www.gynsupport.com](http://www.gynsupport.com) / 9279 7773.

**THE OFFICE FOR WOMEN'S POLICY WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE READERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT WINFO SURVEY. RESULTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ANALYSED AND RESULTS WILL BE ADVERTISED IN AUGUST'S WINFO.**

## contact details

Please fax, mail or email your event details in 30 words or less by the 10th of the month prior to your event (non-government organisations only). For further information or a copy of WINFO telephone (08) 9264 1900, country freecall STD 1800 199 174, TTY available on these numbers, fax (08) 9264 1925, email [wpo@dcd.wa.gov.au](mailto:wpo@dcd.wa.gov.au) or view WINFO on-line at [www.community.wa.gov.au/women](http://www.community.wa.gov.au/women). Postal address: 1st Floor, 141 St Georges Tce, PERTH WA 6000. This document is available on request in alternative formats such as large type, audio tape, computer disk and Braille.

The Office for Women's Policy, Department for Community Development, in no way endorses or recommends any events, agencies or services listed in this monthly calendar. For further information contact the event organisers directly.

### THE OFFICE FOR WOMEN'S POLICY - ABOUT US

The Office for Women's Policy (OWP):

- gives advice to the Government on issues, programs and services which impact on women;
- supports women's groups and community organisations by providing funding, forums and information; and
- provides the Women's Information Service (WIS): a free, confidential telephone information and referral service.

Contact WIS Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm on 9264 1900. If an interpreter is required telephone the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50. For women who are deaf or have a hearing impairment call the National Relay Service on 13 36 77.

## SWAHILI

Ofisi ya Siasa kwa ajili ya Wanawake

- Toa ushauri kwa serikale katika kadhia, taratibu (programu) na huduma ambazo zinagongana kwa wanawake.
  - Kuunga mkono makundi ya wanawake na vyama vya jamii ya watu mbalimbali kwa kutoa msada wa pesa, mabaraza na maelezo na.
  - Kutoa maelekezo ya huduma ya wanawake (WIS) bila ya malipo simu za siri na kujulisha au kutoa maelezo na huduma za maelezo.
- Wasiliana na WIS (kuanzia) Jumata tu mpaka Ijumaa, munamo saa tatu za asubuhi hadi saa kumi na moja jioni kupitia simu nambari 92641900. Iwapo mkalimani atahitaji nambari ya simu kutafisiri na huduma ya ukalimani atatumia nambari 131450. Kwa wanawake ambao ni mabubu (vibubu) watapewa vifaa vya kusikiliza kwa kupiga simu kwa National Relay Service kwa nambari ya simu 13 36 77.

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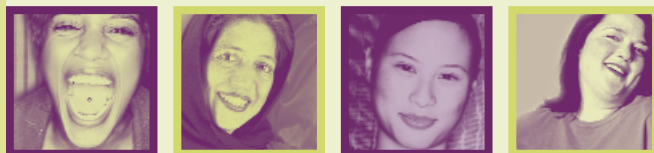
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## THEME: INDIGENOUS WOMEN

**National NAIDOC - What is NAIDOC?** NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia in the first full week in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee once organised national activities and its acronym has become the name of the week itself. The week is celebrated in the Indigenous community and in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces. Wherever you live, taking part in NAIDOC Week is a great way to celebrate Indigenous culture and build bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Source: National NAIDOC website: [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)

**NAIDOC 2005 Theme: Our Future Begins With Solidarity** On 6 April, the National NAIDOC Committee 2005 announced the national theme for NAIDOC Week 3-10 July 2005. The national focus city will be Adelaide. The theme expresses Indigenous peoples' desire for a better future, one in which they can enjoy the opportunities available to other Australians and live in a reconciled nation. They have called for solidarity because Indigenous people must stand together and the wider Australian community must stand with them. This is what NAIDOC is all about - celebrating the Indigenous contribution to the nation together with all Australians.

**Indigenous Women's Development Program** The 2004 Federal Budget provided \$16.5 million over four years for special measures to develop the role of Indigenous women, emphasising three areas: Indigenous women's leadership; networking Indigenous women; and men and family relationships. Each year the Indigenous Women's Leadership Program supports and develops around 70 women who have leadership capacity and already make a contribution to their communities. After training, the leaders plan a community gathering. Gatherings focus on issues of significance to local women and are a catalyst for initiatives. More than 500 applications were received for 2004-05 Indigenous Women's Leadership Program. For more information contact Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination's Perth Indigenous Coordination Centre on 9220 3211 / Free call: 1800 079 098. Source: Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination website: [www.oipc.gov.au](http://www.oipc.gov.au)

**PROGRAM 313 Overcoming Barriers to Screening of Cervical and Breast Cancer in Indigenous Women** This program is an overview of the medical issues of cervical and breast cancer among Indigenous women. **PROGRAM 506 Injury Prevention in Aboriginal Communities.** This documentary-style program examines injury prevention and safety promotion in successful community initiatives. These community initiatives include: Tangentyere Night Patrol (Alice Springs), Hermannsburg (NT) Night Patrol, Top End Women's Legal Service (Darwin), Water Safety initiative 'Watch the Kids' (WA) and 'Strong' program (NT). Sponsored by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. For more information telephone Rural Health Education Foundation on (02) 6232 5480, or fax (02) 6232 5484 or email, [rhef@rhef.com.au](mailto:rhef@rhef.com.au) Source: Rural Health Education Foundation website: [www.rhef.com.au](http://www.rhef.com.au)

**The Jean Hailes Foundation** Working closely with Indigenous communities throughout Australia in support of Indigenous women's health. The Foundation was invited to support health education for local Kimberley Aboriginal women, which led to a survey of Aboriginal women's health and the development of culturally appropriate, health resources. For more information telephone the Jean Hailes Foundation Education Unit on 1800 151 441 or (03) 9562 6771, fax (03) 9548 9120 or email [education@jeanhailes.org.au](mailto:education@jeanhailes.org.au) Source: The Jean Hailes Foundation website: [www.jeanhailes.org.au](http://www.jeanhailes.org.au)

**Lotterywest Grants Boost Heritage** Applications for the Lotterywest Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Grants close 8 July 2005. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for projects that interpret cultural heritage places and objects. For details visit the Lotterywest website at [www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au](http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au) or telephone 9340 5270 or 1800 655 270 or TTY 9340 5236, or email: [grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au)



### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the July edition of Winfo which focuses on events, services and initiatives of interest to Indigenous women of Western Australia (WA). The Office for Women's Policy (OWP) is committed to working in partnerships with Indigenous women; based in the belief that all women have the right to live in a society where they have equal access to services and programs, and where their culture and traditions are valued. OWP recognises the strengths of local communities to develop and implement solutions to local issues and engages with Indigenous women through a wide range of strategies, from consultation, to funding, research and policy development.

The Minister for Women's Interests established the Indigenous Women's Congress (IWC) to ensure there was an ongoing, formalised model of engaging with Indigenous women. IWC's role is to advise the Minister on issues of importance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The members represent a wide cross section of the Indigenous community from regions in the very north to the south, east and west. The Congress represents a group of outstanding women with experience in a diverse range of issues. IWC provides advice on numerous significant issues, including new ways to engage with Indigenous people since the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and is supported by an Across Government Indigenous Women's Reference Group (IWRG).

The WA Women's Grants Program provides funding for projects that are designed to strengthen the social and economic wellbeing of women and increase the participation of women within the community. In 2004, over a quarter of the grants were allocated to Indigenous women's organisations from the Kimberley to the Great Southern. Some examples of the projects OWP funded include, the establishment of women's groups, strategies to combat family violence, the bringing of elders and young women together to promote the protection of cultural security, and health, wellbeing and bush medicine initiatives.

OWP is leading the way in innovative research and policy development to address systemic barriers and improve the wellbeing of Indigenous women. The Indigenous Women's Report Card is ground-breaking work that sources unpublished statistics that measure the position of Indigenous women's lives in relation to health, fertility, mortality, employment, education and training. The Report Card is an important tool for the non-government and government sectors to ensure policies, programs and services are responsive to the actual needs of Indigenous women. The overall development of the Report Card was guided by the IWC, IWRG and six other government agencies and will be published in the near future.

The Indigenous Women's Capacity Building Forums were held in response to the views expressed by Indigenous women who wanted the opportunity to profile Indigenous women's leadership, highlight positive community and government initiatives and discuss the implications of policies and strategies for Indigenous women and their communities. Over 90% of participants considered the forums to be worthwhile and the content valuable for them as Indigenous women. Overall the forums were positive in that they reduced isolation, encouraged collaboration and networking, provided mentoring opportunities and stimulated discussion and exchange of ideas amongst Indigenous women.

The Indigenous Women's Email Network (IWEN) is a networking strategy established by OWP, which provides approximately 40 email messages per month to close to 300 Indigenous women. The information sent through IWEN includes, community events, opportunities for funding and employment, seminars and training programs. The success of this strategy is seen

throughout Australia with Indigenous women from other states registering and wanting to replicate the same service in their states. If you are not a part of IWEN, I encourage you to register by contacting the Women's Information Service 9264 1900 / [wpo@dcd.wa.gov.au](mailto:wpo@dcd.wa.gov.au)

Congratulations are extended to Paddy Firstenberg who was awarded a medal of the Order of Australia 2005. The award was given for service to the community, through organisations concerned with issues affecting women, migrant groups and young people. Paddy has been a long standing member of the National Council of Women WA (NCW WA) and her interest in the welfare of migrants led to her involvement with the Australian Asian Association. For further details contact Judith Parker at the NCW WA, 9527 2438.

Maria Osman  
Executive Director

### BUDGET 2005-06: DELIVERING OUR COMMITMENTS

The State Government recently released the '2005-06 Budget Overview: Delivering Our Commitments'. The budget pledges to 'improve services, create jobs, protect Western Australia's unique lifestyle and support regional development...providing massive investment in essential services such as power and water, as well as core areas of health, education and law and order'. The government promises to deliver 'a better deal for families through initiatives such as the new Learning Allowance, cuts to vehicle registration charges and further tax relief'. For further information visit [www.ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au](http://www.ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au) or contact the Department of Treasury and Finance 9222 9222.

### STRIKING THE BALANCE: WOMEN, MEN, WORK AND FAMILY

'Striking the Balance: Women, Men, Work and Family' is a project launched earlier this year by the Human Rights Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) that aims to examine family responsibilities and paid work. The project builds on HREOC's previous work but takes the work and family debate further by engaging men and by considering the private world of the home as the flipside of the world of paid work. Women's increasing labour force participation rate and the ageing Australian population mean that the need to combine family responsibilities with paid employment is an increasingly important issue for a much greater proportion of the workforce. Women continue to bear the greater burden of unpaid work, at the same time, more men are expressing the desire for greater involvement with their children. There is also growing community awareness of the importance for children of active fathering and a concern about the future burden of caring, given Australia's ageing population. For further information email [familyresponsibilities@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:familyresponsibilities@humanrights.gov.au) or telephone (02) 9284 9600. OWP will be coordinating a response as part of a community consultation roundtable.

Adapted from: [http://www.hreoc.gov.au/sex\\_discrimination/strikingbalance/](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/sex_discrimination/strikingbalance/)

## THE NEXT EDITION OF WINFO WILL FOCUS ON WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP

The Women's Information Service (WIS) provides an information and referral service to all women in Western Australia from diverse cultural and religious communities, as well as women of different ages, abilities and sexual orientation. This publication provides information on events, courses and community initiatives of interest to women. If you would like to see a focus on an issue during the coming months, please let us know. WIS: (08) 9264 1900 / Freecall 1800 199 174 / Fax (08) 9264 1925 / Email [wpo@dcd.wa.gov.au](mailto:wpo@dcd.wa.gov.au)

**The Koori Mail - Australia's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Newspaper.** Proudly 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned, 100 per cent self-funding. Documenting the contemporary experience of Indigenous Australia, and reminding all Australians 'White Australia has a Black History'. At newsagencies or by subscription. To say something about an Indigenous issue, write or contact The Koori Mail on (02) 6622 2666, email: [editor@koorimail.com](mailto:editor@koorimail.com) or visit: [www.koorimail.com/index.php](http://www.koorimail.com/index.php)

### Interesting Websites:

- City Nations - [www.citynations.com/sydney/indigenous/](http://www.citynations.com/sydney/indigenous/)
  - Deadly Vibe magazine / Deadly Sounds radio - [www.vibe.com.au/vibe/corporate/index.asp](http://www.vibe.com.au/vibe/corporate/index.asp)
  - Imparja Television - [www.imparja.com.au/](http://www.imparja.com.au/)
  - Indigenous Community Volunteers - [www.volindigenous.org.au/](http://www.volindigenous.org.au/)
  - Indigenous Law Bulletin - [www.ilb.unsw.edu.au/](http://www.ilb.unsw.edu.au/)
  - Message Stick - ABC Indigenous Online - [www.abc.net.au/message/](http://www.abc.net.au/message/)
  - National Indigenous Times - [www.nit.com.au](http://www.nit.com.au)
  - Tribal Life - [www.tribaltrick.com/](http://www.tribaltrick.com/)
- Source: The Koori Mail website. [www.koorimail.com/index.php](http://www.koorimail.com/index.php)

**The Indigenous Community Partnerships Fund** Small-scale grants for community initiatives that facilitate the development of solutions by Aboriginal communities to address issues identified by the Gordon Inquiry. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available. Contact your local Department for Community Development (DCD) office or visit: [www.community.wa.gov.au](http://www.community.wa.gov.au) Contact your nearest Indigenous Affairs (DIA) office or website: [www.dia.wa.gov.au](http://www.dia.wa.gov.au) For further information contact the Grants Administration Officer, Indigenous Community Partnerships Fund, on [tony.calgaret@dcd.wa.gov.au](mailto:tony.calgaret@dcd.wa.gov.au) or by telephone on 9222 2764.

### National NAIDOC - History

- 1920-30's: The Australian Aborigines Progress Association, the Australian Aborigines League, and Aborigines Progressive Association drew attention to the conditions of Aboriginal people.
- 1937: Activists William Cooper and William Ferguson plan a 'Day of Mourning'.
- 1938: The 'Day of Mourning' now called 'Survival Day', and 150th anniversary of British settlement of Australia, was established on 26 January.
- 1940 on: The National Missionary Council of Australia (NMCA) encouraged churches to observe the Sunday before the Australia Day weekend as 'Aboriginal Sunday'.
- 1955: NMCA changed 'Aboriginal Sunday' to the first Sunday in July.
- 1957: A National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC) was formed, to promote Aboriginal Sunday as a day to focus on the nation's Aboriginal people.
- 1967: Aboriginal Referendum.
- 1972: Establishment of a Federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs.
- 1974: NADOC became an all-Indigenous committee.
- 1975: NADOC extended Aboriginal Day to National Aborigines' Week.
- 1985: NADOC agreed to change the dates of the week from July to September.
- 1988: NADOC changed to NAIDOC - National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee to acknowledge Torres Strait Islander people.
- 1991: NAIDOC shifted the celebrations back to the first week in July (Sunday to Sunday), from 1992.
- Mid-1990s: NAIDOC was wound up. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) assumed control of NAIDOC Week.
- 2005: Abolition of ATSIC. The Australian Government is still committed to NAIDOC and events are now overseen by an interim National Committee, in Adelaide. Source: [www.naidoc.org.au/history](http://www.naidoc.org.au/history)

**National Network of Indigenous Women's Legal Services (NATSIWLS)** This is a network for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women providing legal services and projects. NATSIWLS is a member of the National Network of Women's Legal Services but also a network in its own right. The Network Booklet gives details about the services in the NATSIWLS and is available from the Network Coordinator. If further information is required please contact the National Network of Indigenous Women's Legal Services Inc., Network Coordinator on 9221 9544 or email: [Coordinator\\_NNIWLS@fcl.fl.asn.au](mailto:Coordinator_NNIWLS@fcl.fl.asn.au) or visit [www.nniwls.org.au/](http://www.nniwls.org.au/) Source: National Network of Indigenous Women's Legal Services website: [www.nniwls.org.au/](http://www.nniwls.org.au/)

**Layla, I've got you on my phonebook!** Layla Yu is in every home and business in the north of Western Australia; as the cover girl for the 2005-06 White Pages. The theme for the 125th annual White Pages was 'young Australians shaping our future'. Layla was chosen due to her outstanding contribution to the Kimberley community and her work in youth affairs. Layla runs youth leadership programs with Indigenous sporting organisation Garnduwa. The message Layla gives young women who do her leadership course is that they can be a leader in their community. Source: ABC Kimberley WA website- Vanessa Mills article: [www.abc.net.au/kimberley/stories/s1341394.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/kimberley/stories/s1341394.htm)

**Promoting Strong Indigenous Communities** The Promoting Strong Indigenous Communities directory will soon go live in coming weeks on the Department for Community Development's (DCD) website: [www.community.wa.gov.au](http://www.community.wa.gov.au) This easily accessible directory is one of the outcomes in response to Recommendation 37 of the Gordon Inquiry. A poster has been designed to promote the directory, and will be widely distributed to increase awareness about the benefits of the directory. More information is also available from DCD Perth office on telephone 9222 2555. Source: News of the Day-21 June 2005-DCD website: [www.community.wa.gov.au](http://www.community.wa.gov.au)

**Indigenous Women's Program** The program enhances Indigenous women's leadership, representation, safety, wellbeing and economic status and activities meet the identified needs and aspirations of local Indigenous women. For further information contact your local Indigenous Coordination Centre: Perth - 9220 3211 / 1800 079 098, Broome - 9192 7855 / 1800 079 098, Derby - 9193 2600 / 1800 079 098, Geraldton - 9921 9500 / 1800 079 098, Kalgoorlie - 9024 1100 / 1800 079 098, Kununurra - 9168 2350 / 1800 193 348, South Hedland - 9140 2163 / 1800 079 098. Source: Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination: [www.oipc.gov.au/programs/IndigenousWomensProgram.asp](http://www.oipc.gov.au/programs/IndigenousWomensProgram.asp)

**National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Position on Aboriginal Women's Health** The salient points are: for all Aboriginal women to regain a state of well-being at least equal to that which existed prior to colonisation and as referred to in the NACCHO definition of health; to retain or restore the Aboriginality, dignity, respect, role, responsibilities and self-determination of Aboriginal women as a first step to achieving their rightful state of well-being; to enable all Aboriginal women to contribute to the total well-being of their respective communities and to come to terms with their law, lore and culture. For further information, telephone NACCHO on (02) 6282 7513, or fax (02) 6282 7516, email on [webmaster@naccho.org.au](mailto:webmaster@naccho.org.au) or visit: <http://www.naccho.org.au/womens.html> Source: NACCHO website: [www.naccho.org.au/womens.html](http://www.naccho.org.au/womens.html)

**The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships - Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Health Scholarship Scheme** Open to Indigenous people studying an undergraduate medical or nursing degree in an Australian university. There are two scholarships for nursing and two for medicine. The Scheme also offers scholarships to students undertaking accredited Aboriginal Health Worker certificate level courses. Scholarships are \$10,000 per annum, up to \$30,000 for nursing and \$60,000 for medicine. An information package is available from the Fund Administrator, Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) on free call 1800 117 262 or email [scholarships@rcna.org.au](mailto:scholarships@rcna.org.au) Source: NACCHO website: [www.naccho.org.au/scholarships.html](http://www.naccho.org.au/scholarships.html)