



# BPW Joondalup News

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## Next Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007

**We're not dead yet!**

Presented by Julia Cattalini

Julia Cattalini is the author of the book and the DVD "We're not dead yet! : make up advice for women who have grown up – not grown old".

Julia's has 30 years experience as a make up artist. Her presentation will provide us with an insight as to what inspired her to become an author as well as offering tips on how to look great – however old we are.

6.30pm for 7.00pm at

Joondalup Function Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup

## March Dinner Meeting

This was a very special dinner meeting in the BPW calendar as we celebrated International Women's day with the traditional candle lighting ceremony. Before the candles were lit, the evening started with presentations by two members of Joondalup club who are making their own personal contribution to the advancement of women in other parts of the world.

Joondalup's youngest member, Sarah Jayne Flatters, gave us a fascinating insight into her three month stay in Peru earlier this year. Along with other young Australians, Sarah Jayne travelled with the World Youth International organisation. It was clear that this opportunity had presented her with a life changing experience and provided many tales to tell. However, with the focus of the evening on women, it is the women she met on her journey who were the focus of Sarah's presentation. With the aid of many delightful photos, Sarah introduced us to her new friends in South America and outlined the projects where she helped in a very practical way. These included renovating an old building to provide a hostel for travelers and much needed income for the community, building toilets for a local primary school and assisting local health professional. Rita, in a health clinic. One inspiring lady, Yeny, was helping single mothers to generate income by working in community projects making scarves and hats which are sold in Italy, with all the revenue going directly to the artisans. It was this particular group that BPW WA was able to help by raising an astonishing \$1300 in 24 hours which has now been used to purchase three sewing machines to allow even more women to become involved. Sarah had obviously enjoyed her trip enormously and had forged friendships with many people she is likely to visit again in the future.



## Don't you love this newsletter!

For the past year or so BPW Joondalup has had a regular newsletter thanks to the efforts of Anita Cheetham. It has been a great way to share our news and achievements. It is also a fantastic historical record for our club – I refer to it when writing reports for Division and Conference. However Anita is now pregnant with her second child and would like to help someone else to take on the role. It is not difficult and can be fun. There is support from other members in collecting the news - you just need to be able to use Word. Please speak to Anita or Liz soon if you're interested! :D

## Brenna Volunteers for Tabitha Foundation

Later this year Brenna Watt will embark upon a five day trip to Cambodia to assist with house building, an initiative of the Tabitha Foundation. Brenna explained at our meeting in April, that for a cost of only \$1200 it was possible to build a quite substantial family home, importantly one that raises both people and their belongings above the level of the annual floods.

Sponsorship for the project and gifts for local people would be gratefully received by Brenna before she departs in July.

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## Charter night of BPW Mandurah

On Tuesday 24 April, members of Joondalup club along with colleagues from BPW Perth and Fremantle travelled by mini bus (thanks to member Chris Wood and husband Des) to celebrate the launch of a new BPW club. Following a lot of work by women in the Mandurah area and support from BPW Fremantle, a new club has been launched in Mandurah with almost thirty charter members. Following one or two glasses of champagne on the mini bus we were all in fine form to share in this very special evening. With speeches from Mandurah's mayor, Jasmyn Mumme (Vice President Internal Policy of BPW Australia) and messages of support from BPW Australia's National President Kay Morrison and BPW International President Dr Chonchanok (Nok) Viravan, BPW Mandurah can look forward to a very successful future.

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## Don't forget to RSVP

As a member you need to ensure that you RSVP each month to the Dinner Meeting Invitation. Just a quick "Yes" or "No" by reply email is perfectly acceptable.

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## BPW Women Today

All members will have by now received their complimentary copy of the BPW national newspaper "BPW Women Today". This is a fantastic snapshot of the projects, activities and news from BPW clubs around Australia. We are also given a reasonable number of extra copies for members to distribute in our community and to our guests. These copies will be available at our Dinner Meeting. It would be good if you can think of specific places where you could leave a couple of copies, ie doctors, dentists and other medical practitioners waiting rooms, lunch rooms at work, libraries, etc. This works best if a lot of members do a little each. Please take some copies at the next meeting or contact Liz if you would like to distribute some but cannot attend the Dinner Meeting.

## BPWA National Conference

**Theme:** "BPW – a new era in leadership"

**Dates:** 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza, Parramatta, Sydney

More information can be found on the website [www.bpw.com.au](http://www.bpw.com.au) - [About BPW / National Conference](#) or from Julie Ross on [julie54@bigpond.net.au](mailto:julie54@bigpond.net.au). Keep checking the website for updates as details are finalised.

The extensive program will commence on Friday and go through to Sunday afternoon for members, and Monday for Council members.

Details about the hotel can be found at [www.crowneplazaparramatta.com.au](http://www.crowneplazaparramatta.com.au) Book early and quote BPW to get the discounted accommodation rates. There are only a limited number of twin rooms available.

"As women of Australia this is your opportunity to speak up and be heard by the leaders of our country to put resolutions forward for change for women at home, in the workplace, and for the many environments and conditions people live in. Submitted resolutions will be debated at conference, voted on and, if passed, will be actioned/lobbied for by the BPW Australia Executive Council with the relevant governing bodies. As a member of BPW Australia you have a voice – speak up and make a difference."

By Sharon Hill, Executive Secretary. Excerpt taken from conference letter, 27 April 2007.

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## Candle Lighting Ceremony

Following two inspiring presentations during our April Dinner meeting, the evening progressed with the traditional annual candle lighting in celebration of International Women's Day. This moving ceremony acknowledges the countries around the world which are part of the BPW family and also, importantly, those women who live in areas where poverty or oppression is unfortunately part of everyday lives.

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## Monthly Emails from BPWA

Are you receiving your monthly emails from BPWA? These include the BPW Bulletin & Club News. If you are not receiving this then possibly your email address is incorrect. Please correct your email address on the database. If you need any assistance with this you can contact Felicity at BPW Australia via email [bpwaust@bpw.com.au](mailto:bpwaust@bpw.com.au) and she can make the amendments for you.

BPW Joondalup Dinner Meetings are held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
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## Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to:



### May

10<sup>th</sup> Debra Woods  
19<sup>th</sup> Trish Williams  
21<sup>st</sup> Sharon Cocklin

And coming up:

### June

24<sup>th</sup> Jasmyn Mumme  
30<sup>th</sup> Karen Kotze

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## BPW Fairbridge Weekend

It's that time of the year again and it only seems like yesterday that we met at Fairbridge.

Eileen MacDonald (BPW Harvey) and I are the organisers of this year's Professional Development weekend that will be held at Fairbridge again this year, of course with the help of Alicia Curtis.

It will be held on the Friday 17 and Sat 18th August, 2007, yes that is right we are staying over for the Sunday as well (we all had such a fun time last year). I am requesting that it is time for you to promote this weekend at your next meeting and for every meeting from now until July meetings. I would like to have some idea of numbers, so if you can request that your members give some indication of whether or not they are able to attend, it would be appreciated.

Eileen has a great idea for the weekend and that is to have a name the baby competition with all the participants, so please ask your members to get the photos out of the albums and put them into an envelope and seal them with their name on them. I will collect them from each club as the time gets closer or if you would like to post them to me 10 Wallawa St, Wanneroo, 6065.

Deb Woods  
Development Officer, BPW Joondalup

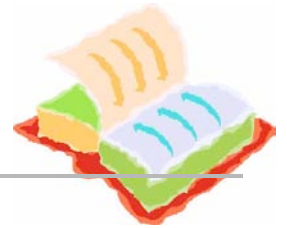
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## Next Business Meeting

Due to the flurry of activities over the past month or so – including Mandurah's Charter, collections and busy bee for the Ormoc Sewing Project – BPW Joondalup Executive did not hold a Business Meeting in April. Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Most of the Executive Team attend regularly and submit reports on progress in their portfolio and the business of the club is discussed and planned. The meeting is open to all members. Please contact Liz if you are interested in attending.

## Did you know?

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.



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## Hot Link

Check out the website of this month's guest Speaker, Julia Cattalini.

<http://www.juliacattalini.com.au/>

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## Did You Know?

BPW WA Development Officer, Alicia Curtis will be travelling to Seoul, South Korea for the International Young BPW Meeting and BPW Asia Pacific Conference.

Alicia will have a short period of time to present about the National Young BPW Board concept. She will be representing the Young BPW Board in her role as Inaugural Business Development Officer.

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## Food for Thought

An article written in the United States says that the job of motherhood worth US\$138,000 a year. The article mentions a value for those of us that fit in paid work as well, but what about all of the volunteer work as members of BPW and other organisations we also manage to incorporate into our busy lives!

See the full article at:

<http://money.cnn.com/2007/05/02/news/economy/bc.life.work.mothers.reut/>

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## Fun Bits

Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over?



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## Quotes for the Month

One of the things about equality is not just that you be treated equally to a man, but that you treat yourself equally to the way you treat a man. ~Marlo Thomas

If I had a flower for each time I thought of My Mother, I could walk in my garden forever. ~ Unknown

## Sewing Machine Project update

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Ormoc sewing project. It was a huge effort by all concerned in circulating the request for donations, collecting the donations and driving them down the central collection point in Bedford. BPW Joondalup's main contribution to the project concluded last Saturday with our highly successful busy bee when club members and their families generously gave up their morning, rolled up their sleeves, sorted through mountains of fabric, patterns, lace, buttons, scissors and 'notions' (look it up if you're non-sewers!) and packed them into boxes. You wouldn't believe how many buttons people of the northern suburbs have decided they really don't need. It was also great to see that almost 30 sewing and knitting machines have been donated.

I don't want to thank people individually in case I miss someone out, but you know what you did and you also know what a huge and direct impact this will have on not just the lives of individual women but also on the community around them. A fascinating program on ABC TV recently highlighted how whole areas have been transformed thanks to the Grameen Bank (and others) and the concept of microfinance. But one of the key experiences, regardless of country, is that the overwhelming majority of business success (and the total repayment of loans) has come from women. BPW's huge contribution to this sewing project has been our own form of microfinancing – and all it's cost us is our time (and a bit of petrol money). BPW Joondalup has made another difference to the lives of women who unfortunately don't enjoy the amazing wealth and ease of life most of us have in Australia.



Anita Cheetham with her son Corey sorting donations collected by BPW Joondalup members at the Ormoc Sewing Project "busy bee"

Although Joondalup club's contribution has officially ended, the library has kindly agreed to continue accepting donations for the next few weeks. However, if people have larger amounts to drop off this can be done from **1st - 29th June** at St Peter's Primary School, Salisbury Ave, Bedford. Use the entrance near the recycling bins and go round to the left, at the end of the yard is a door marked library. Donations will be accepted here between **2.30pm – 3.30pm** Mon – Friday. The packed container of goods will be leaving for the Philippines at the end of June. If you have any further questions about donations you can contact one of the project organisers (and a member of BPW Belmont) Mel Rom on 0409 117822.

On behalf of BPW Joondalup, thanks once again for making space in your busy lives to help with this wonderful project.

Helen Axton  
Marketing Officer, BPW Joondalup

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## Big News in Finland

Source: BPW-Online@googlegroups.com

In recent parliamentary elections in Finland the number of women in parliament increased significantly from 75 to 84 among the 200 members. It makes 42% and thus Finland is the third country after Rwanda and Sweden in the statistics on the proportion of women in the parliaments of Inter Parliamentary Union. The percentage of voters was low, only 67.8 %. Percentage of women voting has been higher than men for years and so it was now, too.

Now the process of building the Cabinet according to the outcome of elections is completed. The composition of the new Cabinet of twenty members is 12 women and 8 men, which makes 60% of women. This implies that Finland has the cabinet of the highest proportion of women in the whole world.

In the first Inter-Nordic review on women in the politics "Unfinished Democracy" published by the Nordic Council in 1985 the questions were asked:

Does it make a difference? Does anything really new come into politics when the number and proportion of women increases? Do women enter politics only after they have adopted an elitist political lifestyle and methods? And what if the proportion of women reaches the magic number of 50% and nothing happens?

Now it will be seen!

Hilkka Pietilä