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COMMITTEE WRAP

BPW Pilbara will be celebrating our 2nd Birthday come July. We have had another successful year and a big thankyou to all members for their contributions to the club. It is not until you sit down to overview the year that you realise just what we have achieved.



We have packed a lot into 12 months and covered a diverse range of topics, such as 'JP's in the Community', 'Women in Local Government', "Domestic Violence in the Community", 'Women on Boards and Awards', and our own member, Kathryn Heaton discussing her mesmerising trip to Antarctica, which made everyone feel decidedly seasick. Each presentation sparked a high level of questioning and discussion within the group, which we hope will continue with future events.

The club also made excellent representation at the State Conference held in Geraldton last September with 6 members representing the Pilbara. It showed us how diverse the clubs within BPW were and the role each club played within its own community. Valeri Pain's presentation displaying the fabulous job she has done on the BPW Pilbara website and how clubs can utilise technology was received with much acclaim by other clubs. (Although, I think some clubs are still a little flummoxed by our club motto!)

Our Meditation workshops with their focus on inner health and stress relief techniques proved very successful. Sheer weight of numbers and the need for a second workshop took us by surprise and was extremely pleasing and our Meditation expert Eric Harrison praised the professional organisation of the workshops.

We voiced our opinion in writing making representations to the State Government over the lack of Air Services to the Pilbara with Ansett's collapse and lamenting the lack of public transport which our taxes subsidise in metropolitan areas and made comments opposing the amalgamation of the East and West Pilbara College of TAFE's. We also initiated new awards both at Karratha Senior High School and St Luke's College to recognise business and leadership skills amongst young women.

Our community profile continues to grow with our stand at the Community Awareness Day at the Karratha City Shopping Centre. Thankyou to all those that gave their time. Also thankyou to members who continue to spread the word about BPW and encouraging fresh faces to attend club meetings, eventually becoming members.

Our club will be preparing for the AGM on 17th July. Please make sure you renew your membership prior to the AGM in order to be financial and eligible to vote for new and existing committee members.

The club will be electing our Executive Committee for the next 12 months. All positions are open for re-election and we encourage members to seriously consider joining the Executive committee. Being on the committee is a great way to develop professional and personal skills in a supportive environment, make fabulous new friends and have a say in the growth of the club but most importantly to have fun! We are all 'busy' and all it takes is a small amount of time. No matter what your background or skill level, BPW Pilbara needs you!

BPW Pilbara's Interim President Tonia Swetman, wrote in our first Club Newsletter that BPW Pilbara has potential to be "sustenance for women living and working in the district". The overall goal of promoting growth and excellence for women in business is one the committee hope that we are on the pathway to achieving.

NICOLE BOAK

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR WEBSITE?

– check it out at www.karratha.com/~bpwpilbara/

Welcome aboard to the following NEW MEMBERS...

Jean Burton, Julie Cawthray, Julie Pegrum
and Celia Handley

Meditation Workshop

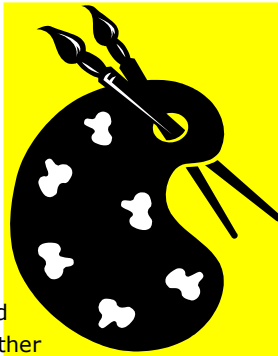
The two Meditation Workshops held on March 23 and April 6 attracted a total of 81 participants. Eric Harrison, who presented the workshops, has a very straightforward approach to meditation in which one's own breath, body and senses are fundamental. Through his years of experience as a meditation teacher, Eric has found that the best way to teach meditation is to give some basic instructions and then to let the experience of meditating guide informative discussion. Within the first ten minutes of the workshop, we were absorbed in our first meditation for the day. During the five-hour workshop, we learnt a number of different meditation exercises, which aim to relax the body, calm the mind and increase awareness.



Weekly meditation evenings are now held on Tuesday evenings at 8pm at the Karratha Family Centre. These meditation evenings have been running for 8 weeks and have proved to be very beneficial for participants. We listen to guided meditations on CD and tape, led by Eric Harrison and others including Carole Daxter, Gillian Ross and Carolyn Mis. Everyone is welcome - you do not need to have been to the Meditation Workshops. If you would like to know more, please contact me on 9185 6578 or email adavis@bigfoot.com.au Annette Davis.

Cossack Art Awards 2002

The annual big event for local art lovers - the Cossack Art Awards - is on again soon. Held at the Bond Store, Cossack, the Art Awards are on from July 27 to August 11. The exhibition is a great opportunity to buy original artwork and support artists from the Pilbara and other parts of Australia. For more information see the Shire of Roebourne's website at www.roebourne.wa.gov.au



SITES TO VISIT:

Check out these sites next time you log on:-

<http://www.eowa.gov.au>

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace

<http://www.trivium.net/womenshistorymonth/>

Women's History Month

www.fed.gov.au

Access to all Federal government agencies.

<http://www.aad.gov.au/stations/live.asp>

Mawson Station - Antarctica

<http://www.wel.org.au/index.htm>

Women's Electoral Lobby

<http://www.learnthenet.com/english/index.html>

Learn the Net

<http://www.louvre.fr/louvre.htm>

Welcome to the Louvre Museum

Life

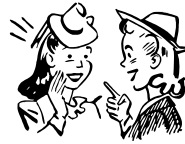
Finding blame does not find solutions.

Laura Schessinger

Did you know...

Bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers were all invented by women!

BPW Gossip



- Kathryn Heaton came 2nd in the recent Nickol Bay Triathlon
- Pam Glossop played hockey in 2 Olympics - 1984 and 1988.

Got any goss on other club members? Well don't let them hide their light under a bushel - email kate@kisser.net.au and help make their achievements shine!



You've got mail

Do we have your current e-mail address? If you have joined up recently, e-mail one of the Executive team and let them know to add you to the e-mailing list. This is a great communication tool for members to use, especially to get in contact with the Executive Committee and converse with fellow BPW's. Why not get a few e-mail addresses from members tonight to add to your address book!

DIARY DATES:

Jul 17 AGM & Special Speaker

Cath Wood - YBPW WA

July 24 BPW Special Event,

Amanda Ellis

Ref "Special Event" for

more details...

Aug 21 Networking Meeting

Sep 18 The Arts & Business

Speaker; tba

Oct 16 Economic Security

Women & Superannuation

Speaker; tba

Nov 20 Report from the National Conference

Speaker; tba

Dec 18 The Future

Speaker; tba



Every woman should have...

- the realisation that she is actually going to have an old age and some money set aside to fund it...
- a past juicy enough that she's looking forward to retelling it in her old age
- a good piece of furniture not previously owned by anyone else in her family...
- a skin care regimen, an exercise routine, and a plan for dealing with those few other facets of life that don't get better after 30...
- a solid start on a satisfying career, a satisfying relationship, and all those other facets of life that do get better after 30...

Long hours a barrier to children:

APESMA survey

The ACTU yesterday renewed its push for paid maternity leave after the release of a new survey finding professional women working long hours were up to four times less likely to have children. In a survey by the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia, of 800 professional women with an average age of 41, 68% reported they did not have children. The ACTU president, Sharan Burrow, said policy makers needed to deal with the downside of extended working hours and with establishing a universal paid maternity leave system. [Financial Review 23/04](#)

The BPW Collect

(Provided by BPW WA 2000)

Keep us from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet with each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realise it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and let us not forget to be kind.

BOOK REVIEW

Tuesdays with Morrie Mitch Albom



A Hodder Book printed in Australia by Griffin Press.
Well worth a read...

An inspiring little book about a young man, Mitch, who rediscovers his old college professor and mentor in the last stages of the professor's life. The professor had played a pivotal role in shaping Mitch's ideas and providing wisdom and pathways to follow.

This book is both thought provoking and inspirational on what really matters in the complexities of life. I would thoroughly recommend this read.

It leaves you with a nice afterglow!

Testosterone may prove a woman's best friend

Some young women diagnosed with depression may actually be suffering from a deficiency in the "male" hormone testosterone, Australian research has found. The findings, if they are confirmed, could transform treatment of symptoms such as low mood, apathy and lack of libido. A preliminary study conducted by Associate Professor Susan Davis from Melbourne's Jean Hailes Foundation has demonstrated that women's testosterone levels decline steadily from their 20s to menopause.

[Sydney Morning Herald 24/04](#)

MEETING DO'S ✓ & DON'TS ✗

- ✓ Please make sure you let Nicole Boak, 9144 1828 during business hours, know if you are attending the meeting or not. You can also e-mail Nicole at chrisandnicole@kisser.net.au.
- ✓ Please be mindful that the commencement time is 6.30pm for 7pm meeting start.
- ✓ Remember to turn off your mobile phone whilst the meeting is in progress, normally approximately 1 hour.
- ✓ Please make sure you have your say on your views and ideas for **BPW**, it is your Club.

Memorable Quotes.....

The colder the X-ray table, the more of your body is required on it!

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

The severity of the itch is proportional to the reach.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.

Two wrongs are only the beginning.

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

The light at the end of the tunnel is the headlight of an approaching train.

Stay focused to get a job done. Either do it, delegate it or dump it.

Acknowledge your shortcomings and work to improve them. Acknowledge your strengths, be humble but don't diminish or deny them.

Laugh often and long. It really does help. Hang out with people you like and admire. We tend to imitate those around us whether we want to or not.

Be nice to prunes. You may be one someday

The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else does.

JOKE

A blind man enters a BPW Meeting by mistake. He finds his way to a chair and orders a drink. After sitting there for awhile, he yells to the Speaker, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"!

The meeting immediately falls absolutely quiet. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is just fair - given that you are blind - that you should know five things....."

- 1 - The speaker is a blonde girl.
- 2 - The president of our club is a blonde girl.
- 3 - I'm a 6 foot tall, 120 kg blonde woman with a black belt in karate.
- 4 - The woman sitting next to me is blonde and is a professional weightlifter.
- 5 - The lady to your right is a blonde and is a professional wrestler.

...now think about it seriously, Mister. Do you still want to tell that joke?"

The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head, and declares, "Nah... Not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."



BPW Pilbara Presents

WOMEN AND WEALTH

HOW TO CHOOSE AND USE A FINANCIAL PLANNER
with

Amanda Ellis

Head of Women's Markets & National Manager
Women in Business, Westpac Banking Corporation

Wednesday 24th July 2002

7.15pm

Goldfinch Room

Amanda Ellis is Head of Women's Markets and National Manager for Women in Business at Westpac, which is the only Australian bank with a dedicated Women in Business unit. The unit comprises specialist managers in each state of Australia who, in addition to providing access to the full range of financial services for both business and personal needs, run educational seminars, networking and business mentoring programs. From a standing start in 1999 the Women in Business program now has an annualised turnover of half a billion dollars.

Amanda is an economist who has specialised in international trade and development economics, previously working at the OECD in Paris and the United Nations in Geneva. Before joining Westpac as Head of Internal Communications in 1998, Amanda was a diplomat in the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Her involvement in managing aid programs in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia with a focus on women and grass roots development led to her current interest in women entrepreneurs and their contribution to economic and social development.

The author of an upcoming title for Random House Australia to be released in July 2002, titled *Women's Business Women's Wealth: creating the life you want at work and in business*, Amanda's special interest is helping to educate women about financial independence. Through the support of Westpac's Women in Business unit, over 5,000 young women all around Australia attend seminars about financial independence each year. Amanda is a regular judge of the annual Telstra Businesswomen's Awards, which celebrate the achievements of successful businesswomen as role models.

Currently chair of the Global Banking Alliance for Women, launched in June 2001 in Boston, Amanda speaks internationally on women and finance and represented Australia at the 2nd Global Conference on Women Entrepreneurs in Paris.

Amanda serves on the National Breast Cancer Women's Advisory Network, the APEC Women Leaders' Network and the Board of East-West Center in Hawaii. She is a member of the Australian Businesswomen's Network, Women in Finance, Zonta International and the Australian Institute of Banking and Finance.

BPW will be hosting the presentation, which will be followed by networking over drinks and nibbles. We are hoping for a full turn out and Members are encouraged to extend the invitation to friends and associates.

Contact Nicole Boak (9185 5503) or Tamara Bianchini (9185 5079) for further information.

Childcare

Access to nearby, affordable, quality childcare that is available over the spread of hours you need, is essential for managing family responsibilities and employment.

Employers may sponsor childcare at either an in-house child care centre or an appropriate child care service. Financial assistance from your employer may be available through your enterprise agreement or by individual agreement.

Depending upon how they structure their employer sponsored in-house child care centre, some employers may be eligible for an exemption from fringe benefits tax. Further information on FBT can be obtained from APESMA Accountancy Services on 1800 506 016. Alternatively, contact the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at www.ato.gov.au or your own professional adviser.

Source – APESMA Website

More Memorable Quote's

Quotations from women about women

The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy.

Helen Hayes (at 73)

Whoever thought up the word "Mammogram"? Every time I hear it, I think I'm supposed to put my breast in an envelope and send it to someone.

Jan King

A few weeks after my surgery, I went out to play catch with my golden retriever. When I bent over to pick up the ball, my prosthesis fell out. The dog snatched it, and I found myself chasing him down the road yelling "Hey, come back here with my breast!"

Linda Ellerbee

You know the hardest thing about having cerebral palsy and being a woman? It's plucking your eyebrows. That's how I originally got pierced ears.

Geri Jewell

If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning.

Catherine Aird

When I was young, I was put in a school for retarded kids for two years before they realised I actually had a hearing loss. And they called ME slow!

Kathy Buckley

I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb. . and I'm also not blonde.

Dolly Parton

When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country.

Elayne Boosler

In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man-if you want anything done, ask a woman.

Margaret Thatcher

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margret Mead

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.

Alvin Toffler

Smarter than Smoking

Schoolgirls Breakfasts

The Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) is hosting the Smarter than Smoking Schoolgirls Breakfasts in Karratha at the end of June. DSR have invited primary students to the breakfast on Wednesday 26th June and secondary students on Thursday 27th June. Nerida Kickett, who last year acted as our MC has once agreed to accept this responsibility.

Healthway are the major sponsor of this annual event promoting the message "Smarter than Smoking". We also have confirmed sponsorship from Western Power and Hamersley Iron and are waiting on confirmation from other companies.

The aims of the breakfasts are to encourage girls to continue physical activity and to recognise and acknowledge the achievements of women in sport. In a community like the Shire of Roebourne it is important that young female athletes do not lose their desire to achieve success or accept challenges in the sporting arena.

To reinforce this message elite female athletes will attend the Breakfast from major sporting disciplines. Melissa McClure, the Captain of the Drug Free Perth Lynx Womens Basketball Team will be one of our role models. We are still waiting confirmation that a local State softball player will also act as a role model. The athletes will be interacting with the students throughout the Breakfast and will form a discussion panel at the conclusion of the Breakfast.

This year we are expanding the event to further utilise the role models in the community. Alan Black the Bankwest Perth Wildcats coach will be in the Pilbara at this time and will also attend the Breakfasts and interact with the students.

Other activities will include basketball clinics in schools by Melissa and Alan and a community sundowner at the Country Club on Friday 28th June at 5:30pm.

These breakfasts were held in Hedland in May and are scheduled for Tom Price and Newman in September.

For further information on any Department of Sport and Recreation programs, please ring Pam Glossop on 91850194.



Melissa McClure

Article submitted by; Pam Glossop, Manager
The Department of Sport and Recreation Pilbara

Facts on Women in Management

Only 1 percent of Australia's Top 500 companies' CEOs is female.

- In 2001, only 10 per cent of private sector board members were women;
- Men outnumber women in managerial and administrative jobs by more than three to one;
- Women comprise just 13 per cent of generalist managers and 27 per cent of specialist managers;
- In contrast, women represented approximately 89 per cent of all advanced clerical and service workers and 73 per cent of all intermediate clerical and service workers.
- Over half the female workforce are employed as clerical/service workers, compared to only 15.3 per cent of male employees.
- The majority of female professionals are employed in the health, education, information, social and arts fields.

Source: ABS Cat no.6203.0 - Labour Force, Table 51, November 2001.



Pay Equity

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data indicate that women are earning on average just 84% of what men earn... for doing the same job!

Pay equity is about providing equal remuneration for work of equal value. For employers, that means:

- Paying men and women equally for work that is of equal skill and responsibility and is performed under comparable conditions; and
- Ensuring that all workers have the same access to benefits, superannuation, allowances and other discretionary payments.

Unfortunately, in Australia there is still a significant pay gap between men and women:

- Women in full-time employment earn just 84.3 per cent of male earnings (ABS May 2001); and
- Women in all types of employment (ie, including full-time, part-time and overtime) earn just 66.3 per cent of male earnings (ABS May 2001).

Visit the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace website - <http://www.eowa.gov.au>

Who are developing a suite of tools to assist organisations to analyse their workplace to identify whether or not pay inequities exist and develop solutions to address them.



Pregnancy and the Workplace

Discrimination by others

18% of all complaints accepted under the federal Sex Discrimination Act last financial year related to pregnancy discrimination. This is despite pregnancy being a normal and healthy physical condition. Illegal discrimination can occur if an employer discriminates against a staff member on the grounds of pregnancy or their potential to become pregnant.

Only in limited cases of health risk and legitimate occupation health and safety concerns, will a pregnancy require a change to normal duties. Pregnant employees should enjoy the same terms and conditions of employment and employers should make reasonable adjustments to accommodate normal effects of pregnancy.

Women cannot be denied opportunities in the workplace or be dismissed on the basis of pregnancy or the potential to become pregnant. Generally, job applicants are not required to provide potential employers with information about their pregnancy or potential pregnancy. Employers are obliged to seek the best applicant for the job irrespective of pregnancy or potential pregnancy. An employer's obligations also extend to their instructions to recruitment agencies. Minimum maternity law provisions also apply.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission has published a useful report entitled "Pregnancy Guidelines". This is available on their website

http://hreoc.gov.au/sex_discrimination/pregnancy_guidelines/forward.html. APESMA Industrial staff can assist you with any inquiries about pregnancy and the workplace. Please contact your local APESMA Industrial Officer.

Self discrimination?

Social structures support women as productive members of families and of the workforce for most of our adult lives. Women can also be seen "voting with our feet" as we seek, or remain loyal to, employers with family friendly terms and conditions.

What responsibilities do we have to our employers when we become pregnant or are planning pregnancy? The only requirements upon women exist when they become pregnant; to inform their employers of their intention to take leave or if they become aware of an occupational health and safety issue. Check with your Industrial Officer for advice on the notice periods required for maternity leave.

Despite the legislative approach, which deems pregnancy or the potential to become pregnant irrelevant to our employment, training and promotion, do we discriminate against ourselves? Do we deny ourselves access to new jobs, promotions and training when considering families? This issue was raised at recent seminars where some women expressed concern about their responsibility to employers in the context of future intentions to become pregnant and take maternity leave.

Balanced against this concern should be the advantages to employers of retaining experienced employees, which include:

- reduced retraining/uproductive time of new employees
- reduced replacement costs
- increased loyalty
- increased retention of intellectual capital and so on.

All employees, not just pregnant women, have special needs. In today's knowledge and skills based economy, successful employer's embrace the meeting of these needs as a key business driver.

Women seeking to become pregnant should be cautious with their plans simply because experience shows that we do not all become pregnant when planned and sometimes it does not happen easily, or at all. You can also not assume that you will want more than 1 child until you have experienced parenthood.

You may also not feel the same way about work/family balance issues after having children.

It is important that we do not assume that our own capacity to contribute to the workforce and families will be mutually exclusive. Some tips for facilitating re-entry into the workplace include:

- taking parental leave rather than a career break. You may find that you need to get back to work sooner than planned for any number of reasons
- making realistic arrangements with partners, children and employers
- coming up with solutions to any issues raised by changes to work arrangements prior to requesting the changes
- if you are seeking greater flexibility think about how your role could be divided up for job share, handled part time or vis work from home
- consider shared arrangements with partners eg both working 4 days a week and so on.

Please share your thoughts and experiences on this important topic via letters to the editor, Erin Wood, at women@apesma.asn.au.

Source – APESMA Website

CRACKED POTS

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on a daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you.

I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.

Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pots said.

The bearer said to the pot, " Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?

That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them.

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table.

Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house?"

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them. Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

Remember to appreciate all the different people in your life!

Blessings to all my crackpot friends.

Article submitted by; Greta Gazibaric



Media Release

- WA Cervical Cancer -
PREVENTION PROGRAM

Health Department of Western Australia

9 JULY 2002

WOMEN URGED TO HAVE LIFE-SAVING TEST

JUNE IS PAPER SMEAR MONTH IN THE PILBARA REGION AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CAMPAIGN TO SAVE MORE WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH REGULAR CERVICAL SCREENING.

CERVICAL CANCER IS A LARGELY PREVENTABLE DISEASE, YET EACH YEAR IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, CERVICAL CANCER IS DETECTED IN MORE THAN 70 WOMEN AND AROUND 30 WOMEN DIE FROM THIS DISEASE.

A regular Pap smear every two years can prevent up to 90 per cent of the most common type of cervical cancer.

Fay Cechner, Advancer Community Nurse from Karratha Community Health, said that Pap Smear Month aimed to increase cervical screening rates among all West Australian women, especially those in high-risk groups.

Three out of four women who develop cervical cancer, have never had a Pap smear, or have not had regular Pap smears.

"Many women believe they don't have to worry about Pap smears because they are too old or otherwise not at risk," Ms Cechner said. "Others feel too embarrassed or are simply unaware of the need for regular Pap smears due to cultural or language barriers".

"THE FACT IS, ANY WOMAN WHO HAS EVER HAD SEX IS AT RISK AND SHOULD HAVE A REGULAR PAPER SMEAR EVERY TWO YEARS UNTIL THE AGE OF 70, UNLESS HER DOCTOR ADVISES HER TO CONTINUE HAVING SMEARS."

"WOMEN OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE, ABORIGINAL WOMEN AND WOMEN FROM CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS ARE MOST AT RISK AS THEY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNDER-SCREENED."

THE CAMPAIGN IS ENLISTING THE SUPPORT OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR THE CAMPAIGN TO TALK TO WOMEN ABOUT CERVICAL SCREENING.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL RETURN TO EACH REGION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA EVERY TWO YEARS — THE RECOMMENDED INTERVAL BETWEEN PAPER SMEARS — TO REMIND WOMEN TO HAVE THE TEST.

WOMEN WHO HAVE NEVER HAD A PAPER SMEAR OR HAVEN'T HAD ONE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THEIR DOCTOR OR HEALTH CENTRE.

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