

May 2004 message from BPW Pilbara President Jean Burton.

This is the last email you'll receive from me in my capacity as President of the Business and Professional Women (BPW) Pilbara Club, as I'll be taking maternity leave from July and not standing for re-election in 2004-2005. It's been an amazing 12 months for me as president because, with the support of an inspirational and dedicated committee and members, our club has achieved some wonderful outcomes and enjoyed some memorable events.

But it now comes time to think about the club's future. This year we are bringing the AGM forward a month to the June meeting, and on the night Fran Stanley will present a summary of the year's achievements. Before then, I would urge you to consider how you may be able to contribute to the future of BPW Pilbara.

Along with the vacated President's position, Esther Schneider will be vacating the Treasurer's position so she can concentrate on developing her small business from home (as well as working her full-time job) but has kindly offered to continue in the functions coordinator role. Jeanelle Dowling hopes to continue in the secretary's position, at least in the short term, but with new working commitments and some uncertainty about her remaining time in Karratha, she would be happy to job-share in the position or provide assistance to someone who's interested in taking over the position but isn't sure about the time commitments.

And yes, time always seems to be short after work, family or other leisure activities are taken care of. BUT! Speaking from experience, I can assure you that there are many rewards to be gained from being part of a community organisation such as BPW Pilbara, and the committee has always been flexible as far as utilising whatever support can be offered.

So if you've ever wanted to contribute to the club but have felt you haven't the time, you might be surprised to find out how *little* time it takes to make a difference to our club and play a greater part in its achievements. I have taken the liberty of attaching a committee nomination form, and membership application and renewal forms (whichever is applicable!), and I or the other committee members would be happy to talk to you if you'd like any more information in the meantime.

And of course I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday with Fay Cechner as special guest, or next month on Wednesday 16 June for the AGM.

Kind regards

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