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President's Report – February 2004

Happy new year! BPW Pilbara is settling down to a nice rhythm now that last year's 'future' plans are coming to fruition and, on behalf of the committee, I look forward to you sharing our goals and achievements over the coming months.

First of all, we're very excited about the forthcoming February meeting that will see the club celebrate International Night for the first time in two years. We also have WA President Jasmyn Mumme and BPW(WA) Woman of the Year Arlene Quinn flying up, so I hope you can come along and meet these inspiring woman.

March is also looking very busy for BPW Pilbara. After hearing your concerns through our 'issues' list, the club meeting on Wednesday the 17th will see representatives from both Qantas and the Water Corporation talking about airfares and the future of domestic travel, as well as the status of our Pilbara water supply. So if you know people who would be interested in these community topics, please feel free to invite them along. We also hope to launch our female apprenticeship scholarship this month.

Then on Friday the 19th of March we're very pleased to announce that acclaimed futurist Anni Macbeth, of Annimac Consultants, will give a presentation on future trends focusing on the workplace, the role of women and generational characteristics. As a futurist (no, not a psychic) Annimac is highly sought after by government and private enterprise for her strategic analysis skills and clarity of presentation. It will be an evening function at the KI, so pencil the 19th in your diaries. Once again, all will be welcome.

And then there's more planned for April, May and June ... so stay tuned!

The club is also maintaining a focus on BPW issues – locally, nationally and internationally – and we will be further developing our Issues Matrix (lovingly created by previous member Elizabeth Malyn). Thank you to Donna and Greta for indicating your interest in the Education sectors. As a result of our other survey last year, we are progressing our twinning relationship with a club in Thailand and will bring more information as soon as possible.

Finally, I'd like to thank Jeanelle Dowling for taking on the secretarial position vacated by Elizabeth Malyn. I know that Jeanelle will bring a wealth of experience and a new voice to the committee. With Fran, Jeanelle brings to two the number of committee members with babies under six months - thank you both for your commitment!

Jean Burton
President