

SI-KAD News



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Keep the Scene Clean!



More than 40 people, including a large contingent of students and staff from St Luke's College, joined Karratha Soroptimist in their recent campaign launch, *Keep The Scene Clean!* In two hours, they collected 179 bags of rubbish. Club President Nan Williams has been a

dedicated Soroptimist in Karratha for 21 years. When asked what keeps her enthusiasm alive, she responded, "I'm with a group of like-minded women, committed to making a difference. We belong to a network of friendship, and we contribute through Awareness, Advocacy and

Action. We are making a difference - and we are having fun doing it."

In March each year, Soroptimists in 125 countries commit to a Saturday of Service through a highly visible hands-on service project in their local community. "We facilitated two Karratha clean-ups last year," Nan said, "Our Saturday of Service was to extend that awareness. **Keep The Scene Clean!** is a great ethos".



Karratha Tidy Town – tackling the issues



L-R Nyles Masinading and Frederick Kintanar from McDonalds; Soroptimists Jenny Dynan, Pernille Gray and Glen Slee; and community member Georgina Coomer, made the decision to enter Karratha in Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities – 2007

"Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Program is about People," said Pilbara Regional Coordinator, Cath Rummery, Department of Environment and Conservation. "It's community members working together to improve their town."

There were some exciting and innovative ideas tossed around at the first get together.

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Tidy Towns

Sustainable Communities

Welcoming Pernille Gray - Inducted 19 Jan 2007



Pernille Gray "Every week I'd read newspaper articles outlining all of the 'issues' that SOMEONE ought to address," said Pernille. "I'd sit with friends and ardently agree - that is until one such friend pointed out that I was a SOMEONE". Pernille met the challenge and organised a Karratha cleanup in December.

"Organising this event – something that I'd never in my wildest dreams have thought I could do on my own, gave me the greatest feeling of belonging. It also put me in contact with some amazing people. When it was all done and dusted all I wanted to do was MORE. I love the feeling of being able to make a positive difference no matter how small. I have become a Guide Leader and I have joined the Soroptimists of Karratha. Both these groups surround me with people that want me to participate, be proactive and make a difference".

Objectives of Soroptimism

To strive for:

the advancement of the status of women,
high ethical standards,
human rights for all,
equality, development and peace:

through International Goodwill and Understanding, and Friendship.

Soroptimist International is committed to:

service to local, national and international communities; and active participation in decision-making at all levels of society.



Left -
Jeane Gearing
and
Vivien Kamen -
in action.
SI-KAD
Market Day
1 April 2007



Left - Marie Salome Umutesi Kayinamura
SI-KAD **Project Independence** sister in Rwanda



and Right Erusaniya Kanyki
SI-KAD **Plan Australia** foster child in Uganda

SI-KAD Our official name is Soroptimist International of Karratha and Districts Inc, hence we use the acronym, SI-KAD. We're like the group of cycads that are renowned for survival in harsh semi-desert climates!

International Women's Day celebrations

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since the early 1900's and has grown from strength to strength to be a day of recognition and celebration across the globe. It has seen great improvements in the status of women and most prominently – has helped women to have real choices in all aspects of life. IWD is celebrated on 8 March every year, however due to the presence of Cyclone George, SI-KAD, and *Act Belong Commit* held their celebrations on 22 March 2007.

Pictured below are event co-ordinator Philippa Ives, and presenters, Sue Hedley - SAFE; and Glen Slee - SI-KAD.



In some countries, International Women's Day is now an official holiday (for example: Russia, Macedonia, Vietnam, Ukraine) – the tradition sees men honouring their mothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters, colleagues etc with flowers and small gifts.



The Damali Bellydancers were a highlight of the evening.

28 women celebrated the evening in Karratha with a wonderful opportunity to enjoy friendship and discover some of the remarkable activities and kinship present in the community.

