

High Street Happenings



Tuart Place

T Together...we build
U Understanding
A Acceptance
R Respect ...and
T Trust



Shawnee from Advocare with Douggie

ADVOCARE VISIT - 15 August 2022

by Doug Fishwick

I was really impressed with Shawnee (Advocare). She was down to earth and gave real honest answers to my and other people's questions. She gave us all many examples of how Advocare can help us all. Unfortunately, some people can really let you down when it comes to things like money. There were a number of questions from our group which shows that most of us are aware of some of the problems. Shawnee made us aware of *all* the possible problems that I and others can face.

What I especially liked about her was her passion. I think she really cared. She encouraged all of us to contact her when we have any questions at all. I think everyone got something out of Shawnee's visit.

Wills Clinic - *by Maria Decourcy*

Updating my Will during the recent visit by the Notre Dame Lawyers was one of the best things I could have done. The lawyer I saw was so easy to engage with and had a great sense of humour. He made all the legal talk so easy to understand, clarifying and clearing up any questions I had. Like many people, my Will was one of those things I would do 'one day' but never did. I'm so glad I have this sorted out now. Several other people said the same thing.

What I was especially impressed with, was that they did it for nothing! It was very kind of him and I think they are lovely souls.



Maria (left) & Pip (right), with lawyers Jonathan Haeusler & Danielle Bechelet

WINTER WARMER 18th July 2022 - by Patricia and Trish



As always it was just lovely to catch up with our childhood friends at these Tuart Place events. It was just like last year and my husband and I always look forward to it.

It was so nice to see such a big crowd: the place was humming. We loved the live music too. And wasn't the food excellent and there were "seconds" and even take aways on offer.

And wasn't it great to see all the old friends meeting up again. We know that's such a big part of Winter Warmers for so many. So nice to see other Care Leavers and friends under the one roof and as we get older it has become even more important to us to keep these links going.

We have to say thank you to the Tuart Place staff for making sure everything was such a success!

MAYOR HANNAH FITZHARDINGE of FREMANTLE VISIT *by Maria*

She was very approachable, and I said to her. "Can you please help us keep Tuart Place open? I wasn't on a good road before I come here. And Tuart Place has helped me get on a better road". Other people echoed my sentiment to the Mayor. And Pip thanked me for my address to Mayor Hannah.

She sat in with us for Lunch and later mingled with the Monday Crowd. There are a couple of photos of Ian presenting his wonderful Windmill to her.

Here's what the Mayor had to say afterwards in an email to Tuart Place and on her **Facebook Page**:

"It's no secret that many people who spent their time in foster and institutional care as children have encountered terrible suffering and hurt. What is less known, perhaps, is that right here in Fremantle we have an incredibly important service that not only helps navigate the process of Redress but also provides a "home away from home" with a sense of community, access to services and skill development programs. Tuart Place is absolutely unique- as is the windmill presented to me by Ian. That's definitely going to take pride of place next to the chook house."



"I am always happy to make my windmills and it was real good to do one for the Mayor. She was nice. And it was real nice when I read her Facebook comment about it." Ian D

**High Tea
at the
Esplanade
Hotel was
YUMMY!**



JOKE CORNER

Most jokes on here are recycled.
The others are just garbage.



Ron: "Has your son decided what he wants to be when he grows up?"

Fred: "Yes, he wants to be a garbage collector,"

Ron: "That's a strange ambition to have for a career."

Fred: "Well, he thinks that garbage collectors only work on Tuesdays!"

Remembering Dorothy by Ann McVeigh 04-09-2022



Last Sunday Gwen Tabbakh (Hyland) came to pick me up to go to Whiteman Park to celebrate Dorothy Inman's life. Dorothy had already passed away and had her funeral service. We got together to remember and celebrate her life.

Dorothy had a younger sister who was in my age group. Dorothy ended up being what us younger girls would call a 'house girl'. Her education was limited, and she ended up doing work around the home. These girls (house girls) worked in the kitchen, laundry, kindergarten, and founding home. These girls were not separated; we all got along together and had both good times and bad times.

At the house we had a lot of olive trees. I think Dorothy helped our only male worker with the making of olive oil. Our only male worker was Italian and loved by all the girls.

Dorothy was still at the home when I left the home. To be honest once I left the home, it was a long, long time before I met any of the girls from St Josephs. I met with Margaret Peterson (Watts) in the Hay Street mall, and we've met every week, until she went into aged care because of her onset dementia.

It was mostly her family and friends who I had met over the years. Gwen had a great friendship with her and didn't want to miss the occasion of celebrating Dorothy, it was a lovely day at Whiteman Park, and it was good to catch up with everyone.

Over the years, Dorothy fostered a lot of children and ended up having one of them, Dotty, stay with her permanently. Dorothy was recognised when she got a mention as one of the most influential Western Australian Women. I thought that was a great achievement for her. Since her passing, Dotty has gone to live with Dorothy's daughter Tracy, which was great to hear and see. The morning was rounded off with a BBQ lunch.

By Ann McVeigh

Our lovely Ann with the first teddy she has ever had. Handmade by her talented friend Elizabeth, one of the craft ladies who meet at Tuart Place every second Thursday. What a lovely act of kindness!





CAVERSHAM PARK OUTING by Vicki and Elizabeth



What can I say! – a beautiful sunny day, great company, and a thoroughly enjoyable outing. And a good pick-up service, thanks Mal. I didn't realise how big the place was. The gardens throughout the park were so lush and green: just like Perth Zoo.

We all took our time looking at the various animals. We forget that there are all these tiny animals around that we never see, such as potoroos, spotted possums and the like. I didn't know that there were white kangaroos either.

The food at the kiosk turned out to be quite nice too. And the staff were very accommodating. All in all a very nice day out. Looking forward to the next one! *By Vicki and Elizabeth*

Fire Patterns *Written by Mary Ann Rath, 21st June 2022*

Fire continues, as stoked
Large logs burn
Warmth stretches far

The warmth reaches over to a five-meter diameter
circle sand, pattern
Sands of white, black, red and yellow

The sand circle pattern emerges beside the
warmth
With love and care for two and a half days
Many scratchings emerge to be art, culture and
love tokens

The green leaves are burnt to deliver smoke and
smell

Dance and song move together around the fire
and onto the patterns
The feet of many in song, dance and mix the
colours

The rain comes in torrents
As the togetherness
Diffuses, on time

The fire simmers
The circle art patterns, swirls together and
becomes something else
For the memory

In honour of Lionheart, by Mary Ann Rath

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