

High Street Happenings

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The Guerilla Granny

by Cevrina and Mary

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What a woman, storyteller and entertainer! There was something indefinably lovely about 'Pearl', the guerilla granny. She came in with a smile that never left her face and made everyone feel like she was their friend. She gave us all a positive vibe, and what a dress sense! She came in wearing bric-a-brac, doilies and fresh roses - and that was just the hat!

Pearl had a way of converting day-to-day things into objects of beauty and wonder. Like her 'mandala' wreath made of gum nuts and leaves. In a way, I think she was saying let's slow down, pause, and reflect on the beauty in the ordinary things in life. That was my take on it anyway. But I think nearly everyone felt the same.

Wouldn't it be great if we had more guerilla grannies around. What a difference that would make to the community. We could send some extra Grannies to the Ukraine and Russia. Could you imagine the look on Putin's face as she waltzed into the Kremlin!!

Thank you, Pearl - our guerilla granny!

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BISTROT CAFÉ February 2023

with Harry

The main reason I go on any outing at Tuart Place *is the people*. And by that, I mean other Care Leavers like ourselves, *and* the staff. It's all about that for me and that's the main reason I try to get to every event that TP run. The other week we wandered down the road to the Bistrot café.



And yes, the food was great. You can see one lady in particular with quite a large serve of apple pie and ice cream. Well done, Maria!

The coffee was quite strong, but someone said that's the way the French like it. Like I said earlier, for me it's all about the people. Thanks Tuart Place!

good company. John took us for a drive along the foreshore and we hopped out at Churchill Park on the waterfront. As a lot of people don't drive anymore it was lovely just to get down to the waterfront and be close to the ocean.

It was great location and people settled into enjoying the place and each other's company. It's nice to see how a change in location gets people chatting. I think we speak for the whole group when we say that the food was so good. The lunch rolls were all so fresh with little individual trays for our desserts- a nice touch.

Next time we will take down a few extra chairs as the council hadn't allowed for larger groups to picnic down there. All in all a really wonderful day out



ROCKINGHAM PICNIC 6TH April 2023

with Carmel and Sam

This was a wonderful day out and thanks so much to John who did the driving. It was a perfect day: calm blue skies, good food and

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BINGO

Mary Mogridge and Justin were a great team, with Justin calling the numbers and Mary checking the Bingo cards and handing out prizes! And they've agreed to do it again 😊



I just loved it and enjoyed it. I loved everything and I am so happy, it was my lucky day. Epe R, major prize winner

I thoroughly enjoyed it and want to know when the next one is. Gwen H

That was so much fun. Fran Z

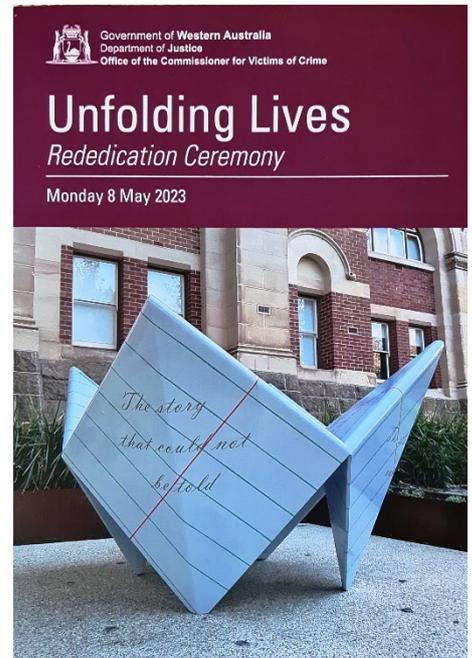
It was great fun, and good to have so many people participate. It raised their blood pressure; you could sense people got pretty excited and yes, I would do it again. Justin

That was great, a great success. Everyone enjoyed it. Mary M Fortune favours the brave. John R

I only needed 2 numbers to win the whole game, I will have to try and win Bingo at home tonight to make up for it. Peter L, runner up winner

Unfolding Lives

Rededication Ceremony Monday 8 May 2023



Ann McVeigh with Minister Sabine Winton, our new WA State Government Minister for Communities, who is holding her gift of a Chatterbox made by Ann.

The 'Unfolding Lives' sculpture (fondly known as The Chatterbox) is our State memorial to Western Australian Care Leavers: the Forgotten Australians; members of the Stolen Generations; and former child migrants from the UK and Malta. It was originally unveiled in 2010 but was removed and put in storage when renovations to the old WA museum began in 2016. It was made by Judith Forrest, artist and sculptor, who put her heart and soul into designing such a meaningful and important memorial to ensure we are no longer 'Forgotten'.

"It's a great sculpture. In the orphanage, Chatterboxes were the only toys we had." Mary M, St Josephs,

Through the efforts of care leaver, Mark Farmer - (see his story below) - who alerted the State government and enlisted the help of the Tuart Place community and others, the Memorial was re-installed in a rededication ceremony held in May. About eighty people attended the moving event, including over thirty Tuart Place participants, staff and supporters; other survivors and agency representatives; State government Ministers; The Lord Mayor of Perth; and interested members of the public.

Monument to Forgotten Australians- Forgotten!



Judith Forrest and Mark Farmer at Tuart

Mark and his brother Don went to see Judith's sculpture 'Unfolding Lives' dedicated to the forgotten Australians, but found it had been removed. The brothers then embarked on a long journey to get the accidentally damaged sculpture, out of storage and back in the public eye. They finally succeeding after almost three years. Judith herself offered to recast the sculpture again. Mark said, *"The irony was that a sculpture representing the lives of forgotten Australians had itself, been forgotten. It was a measure of how serious the Tuart Place crowd take these matters that with only a day's notice almost 50 clients came to hear our story on the following Monday in March. Yes, it was a struggle but the genuine celebration at Tuart Place reinforced to my brother and I that it was not just about us but all the Forgotten Australians who demand their story be told. And that this wonderful but poignant sculpture be forever in the public arena as part of our Australian history."*