High Street Happenings

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I first started weaving and making baskets about 30 years ago. It came easy to me and I have never looked back since. There is something about it that is so relaxing and at the end of it you can end up with something pretty, and also useful. As an Aboriginal woman I am proud to continue a tradition that has been with my people for thousands of years. I am also very pleased that my daughter too has taken up this craft. We even sell our wares at the Freo Markets every now and then.

I also love to share my skills and through the City of Fremantle I regularly have workshops at Walyalup Aboriginal Cultural Centre. This venue is provided by Fremantle City Council (it is next to the Roundhouse). In fact, some Tuart Place participants

came to one of my workshops starting in March this year.

I hope everyone enjoys the pictures of some of my handiwork, and the Tuart Place crew hard at work weaving!



Although Sandra is known for her basket weaving, she also has great drawing skills and can capture the look of someone in a few brief lines.

Here are 2 quick sketches of local Tuart Place celebrities captured by Sandra - see if you can pick who they are...

(Thanks to Gary for conducting a charcoal drawing workshop at Tuart Place in January)





Ian's Hobby: Windmills

I have just brought my latest windmill into Tuart Place the other day. Mal said he would like to get a picture of me with a collection of my latest work. I don't know how many windmills I have made over the years – thousands I would say.

Mal said I could make money by selling them but that wouldn't work for me as I only do it as a hobby and for friends.



What I like to do is to give them out as gifts or donate them for others to use as prizes. I usually donate one each year for Tuart Place functions. I even donated one to Telethon for the Kids Hospital. I was very proud of that. Everyone should have a hobby I reckon. Anyway, here is the picture with a selection of my various windmills.

Hope everyone likes them!

Welcome Baby Clara!

We were all delighted when Pip's brand new grand-daughter joined the world on Monday December 9th, 2024! Big brother Harvey was very excited to bring Clara home, and Pip spent some quality time with her lovely family helping everyone settle in.
Elizabeth knitted some incredible toys as a gift for Pip's grandkids—you can see Bluey, Bingo and B2 in the pictures below. Pip and Holly were so grateful for these gorgeous presents, and Harvey was over the moon!



PS. Did you know that Baby Clara shares a birthday with Tuart Place's very own Maria!





There's something comforting and reassuring about returning to Cicerellos each year. It's always a good turn out, and the weather always seem to turn out just right too. I never get sick of looking out over the fishing harbour and watching the boats and water. It is certainly one of the great restaurant locations in Perth.

It's also such a great way to catch up with some folks who only get out once or twice a year at these special Tuart Place functions. And to me, and I think to many others, it is this that brings home the positive feeling of belonging.

Oh, and a final note I've got to say a big thank you again to all of the Tuart Place staff. These ladies (and that lovely bald headed bloke) make these occasions so much more fun.



Critters Up close! We made friends with some feathered, scaled and furry critters in January! Too cute!



Fancy a burger?

We have a chance to win \$300 at Grill'd Fremantle (located on South Terrace) in April! If you fancy a tasty burger, head in to Grill'd and pop in a vote for Tuart Place! Thanks to CommBank for their Scam Awareness presentation at Tuart Place.



Scammers will often pressure you to do something quickly. Always remember to STOP - CHECK - REJECT if something seems a bit off.

You can always bring questions to the wonderful IT volunteers at Tuart Place if you ever feel unsure.

A joke, in honor of St Patrick's day... Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork. Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?" Billy replies, "In the car." "Well, that's the quickest way!" says Paddy.

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