



November 2009 Newsletter

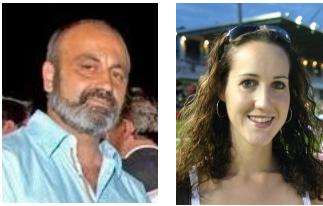
It's all change at SWB this month...

News/Updates:

SWB contact details have changed

Effective immediately, the SWB email address has changed from swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au to studentswithoutborders@rocketmail.com. The contact phone number has also changed to – **9360 6288**.

Farewell and thanks to Gerry and Vicky...



Gerry and Vicky are finishing up at Students Without Borders at Murdoch University. Vicky is concluding her strong contributions and general administration of the last couple of years this Friday. Gerry is finishing up this side of Christmas. Students Without Borders will move its principal entity to Curtin and UWA universities from next year while leaving behind an SWB chapter for the Guild to coordinate through its Social Justice Student representative.

Students Without Borders would like to thank both Vicky Edwards and Gerry Georgatos for their efforts and wish them both well.

Willagee by-election – a note from Gerry Georgatos

Gerry Georgatos is contesting the Willagee by-election as an Independent Candidate. Voting for Willagee constituents is on November 28. There are four candidates; the Labor Party (Peter Tinely), the Greens (Hsien Harper), the Christian Democratic Party (Henri Chew), and the Independent (Gerry Georgatos).

If you would like to find out more about Gerry's campaign, or to join the team, please contact Gerry on 0422 638 324 or gerry_georgatos@yahoo.com.au

"I hope to ensure a number of important issues are discussed and prioritised during this campaign - and if I, as an Independent, can achieve a solid result in this campaign, it will send an important message to Parliament."

"Let us discuss social and economic justice, equitable living and other social standards, public housing, rental and housing affordability, access to education, health and services, aged care and

mental health, roads, cycle ways, light rail transport, improving the criminal justice system, eliminating all forms of discrimination and racism, let us properly discuss and assist asylum seekers, let us discuss the endemic and pervasive crises such as climate change, the rising sea-levels, the impacts of these sea-levels on the world's poor, Copenhagen and the pursuance of the '350 ppm' and whether as a target this will be sufficient, the concerns we have over uranium mining and nuclear power, let us discuss renewable energy programs, let us consider the current weak Emission Trading Scheme proposals, and amongst all these we have to consider industrial relations, job security and propose high minimum standards and accountable maximum standards to contract, as a quotient, the economy so as to include everyone."

(This statement was independently and exclusively Written and Authorised by the Independent Candidate for Willagee, Gerry Georgatos, 9 Arion Avenue, Harrisdale, 6112)

SWB T-shirts

Students Without Borders has a batch of turquoise coloured collared quality t-shirts with our embroidered emblem and text - we are clearing these shirts as an end of year special for only \$10 to financial guild members and \$15 to all other students and community. Wear them around at events and campaigns and let everyone know you support Students Without Borders. Contact studentswithoutborders@rocketmail.com to score one of these shirts.

Youth Grants

Communities across Western Australia are being urged to apply for funding to hold an event during National Youth Week (NYW) 2010. Youth Minister Donna Faragher has announced that organisations can apply for NYW grants of up to \$1,000, from a pool of nearly \$70,000, to hold an event for young people. The State Government provides \$40,000 with the Federal Government providing the remainder of the funds.

National Youth Week, which runs from April 10-18, 2010, highlights the positive contributions young people make to the community. The 2010 theme is 'Live it now'. "It is Australia's biggest annual celebration of young people, involving thousands of events, concerts, competitions and fun ways for our youth to engage with their communities," Mrs Faragher said. "Activities and events undertaken during NYW are developed by young people, for young people, to celebrate and recognise the value of all young Australians to their communities."

To be considered for a grant, organisations must hold events that:

- provide opportunities for young people aged 12-25 to express their ideas and views, raise issues of concern to them, and act on issues that affect their lives
- provide opportunities to the wider community to listen to young people and acknowledge and celebrate the positive contribution that young people make to their local communities
- highlight issues of concern to young people.

There were 76 National Youth Week activities held across WA in April 2009 with grants totalling more than \$61,000.

"Participation is a key element in the development of young people, and National Youth Week events encourage learning, confidence building and social and community connections which help to prepare young people for success," the Minister said.

For more information telephone the Department for Communities Office for Youth on 6217 8400, Freecall 1800 281 116, or go online at <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/youth>. The application period closes on November 30. Minister's office - 9213 7250.

Make Poverty History – Event Update

Congratulations Australia. We helped break another Guinness World Record! 225,334 Australians joined with 173,045,325 people around the world who refused to stay seated in the face of extreme poverty, creating a global movement which continues to grow beyond all expectations.

Throughout the nation and all over the globe people from all walks of life joined together to send a clear message to our leaders – to do their fair share to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Participants stood up in cities, towns and villages, in churches, mosques and temples, colleges, schools and homes, on town squares and street sidewalks. Participants stood together as a global community, not only to shatter the Guinness World record but also to send a powerful message to leaders at the local, national and global level, which cannot now be ignored:

We are more determined than ever to see the Millennium Development Goals become a reality and to Make Poverty History!

Thank you to all Australians who stood up last weekend. Your actions have contributed to the worldwide voice that demands an end to the injustice of extreme global poverty.

Events:

'The End of the Line' movie screening – various dates throughout November. Did you know that up to 90% of marine life in the south west is unique, and yet less than 1% of our waters are currently protected? Right now the Federal Government is considering the future of our amazing marine region, we could see the establishment of large marine sanctuaries to protect our marine life.

Join the Wilderness Society for a special pre-release screening of internationally acclaimed film 'The End of The Line', including a short introduction to the [Save Our Marine Life](#) campaign (prior to the screening).

Screenings:

Hillarys

Where: AQWA function room, Hillarys Boat Harbour, Hillarys

When: Thursday 5th November, 7pm

Tickets: \$14 adults, \$8 children (under 16yrs)

Bookings: The Conservation Council of WA on 9420 7266

South Perth

Where: Perth Zoo Theatre, Labouchere Road, South Perth

When: Wednesday 18th November, 7pm

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 children (under 16yrs)

Bookings: The Wilderness Society on 9420 7255 or email wa@wilderness.org.au

Fremantle

Where: Fremantle Fibonacci Centre, 19 Blinco Street, Fremantle

Please note this is a community screening in an art space, you will need to bring chair / cushions & refreshments

When: Friday 20th November, 7pm

Tickets: \$10

Bookings: The Wilderness Society on 9420 7255 or email wa@wilderness.org.au

Kalamunda

Where: Town Square Hall, 5 Barber St, Kalamunda

When: Thursday 26th November, 7pm

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 children (under 16yrs)

Bookings: The Conservation Council of WA on 9420 7266

The Duck & Cover Hop – Friday 6 November. Dance the night away at the Duck & Cover Hop - a fancy dress fundraiser for the campaign to stop uranium mining in WA. Travel back in time,

dust off your cool threads and get crazy for a cause at the Duck & Cover Hop – Fremantle's first and finest retro radioactive ball. Dance the night away to **Harry Deluxe** and **DJ Atomic 'Burn'**, with special appearances by the radioactive ladies of **Sugar Blue Burlesque** and the **Swing Academy**.

When: Friday 6 November 2009

Where: Fremantle Town Hall

Time: 7.30pm-midnight

Fully licenced bar & supper available

Tickets: \$30 unwaged / \$40 waged / \$60 solidarity (all tickets include supper)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! [Book here](#)

For more information, email duckcoverhop@gmail.com or visit <http://duckcoverhop.wordpress.com>

Windows for Peace fundraiser - Sunday 8 November. The One World Centre and Curtin University Centre for Human Rights Education invites you to a fundraiser for Windows for Peace: "*Encounter Point*" - a movie about reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. *Encounter Point* is a feature documentary film that follows a former Israeli settler, a Palestinian ex-prisoner, a bereaved Israeli mother and a wounded Palestinian who risk their lives and public standing to promote a non-violent end to the conflict. Their journeys lead them to the unlikeliest places to confront hatred within their communities. The film explores what drives them and thousands of other like-minded civilians to overcome anger and grief to work for grassroots solutions.

When: 4:30 – 6.30pm

Where: 14 Almondbury Rd, Mt Lawley

Drinks and refreshments will be served.

RSVP to the One World Centre on (08) 9371 2333 or coordinator@oneworldcentre.org.au

All funds will go directly to Windows for Peace.

Generation Next Teen Seminar – Sunday 8 November. *Generation Next*, a national teen parenting seminar series presented by five of Australia's leading experts and media commentators, is coming to Perth. The seminar explores the unique pressures, needs and challenges currently facing Australian teenagers, their parents and anyone working with young people – including sex, drugs, alcohol, binge drinking, cyber bullying, and teens' emotional and physical health. Not just a talk-fest, the seminars give parents expert insights into the issues confronting young people and offer practical solutions to problems.

WHO: The well-known national experts presenting at the seminar are:

- **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg** – Adolescent psychologist
- **Dr Sally Cockburn** – GP, Health Commentator, *Girlfriend* Magazine Medical Adviser
- **Paul Dillon** – Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia expert
- **Julie Gale** – *Kids free 2 B Kids* anti-sexualisation campaigner
- **Susan Mclean** – Cybersafety expert
- **Wendy Protheroe** – General Manager of Counselling Services at BoysTown, including Kids Help Line and Parentline.

When: Midday to 5pm

Where: Perth Riverside Theatre, Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Rd, Perth

Tickets: \$45, available through Ticketek on 132 849 or online at www.gennextseminars.com

Generation Next is supported by the Australian Government's National Binge Drinking Strategy, anti-depression initiative *beyondblue*, youth mental health foundation *headspace*, Kids Helpline and Optus.

ARTillery Youth Arts Festival – Saturday 14 November to 10 December. Amnesty International's ARTillery Youth Arts Festival is back for 2009, and bigger than ever. During the

festival, young people in Perth will use ART as their ARTillery to fight for human rights, while attending local multi-art events. ARTillery will run from the 10 of November to the 10 of December (International Human Rights Day) at venues across Perth. The festival, run by young activists, aims to educate and inspire young people to take action on human rights issues. For more information visit www.artilleryfestival.com or email amnesty.youth@gmail.com

Fundraiser for Timor Leste - Friday 20 November. Timor Leste Vision (TLV) is hosting a fundraising evening "*Aussie Sundowner with a Timor Twist*", at Newman College. All funds raised will directly assist the remote community of Ainaro to improve the quality and access to education in Timor Leste.

Festivities begin at 6.30pm at Newman College Gym, 216 Empire Avenue, Churchlands and will include Traditional Timorese Dancing by Timorese students, a Timorese dance lesson, photo exhibition, a guest speaker and an update on our projects. TLV would like to invite you join in this networking opportunity, have some great fun, and support the people of Timor Leste.

Run completely by volunteers, TLV, with the community of Ainaro, is developing an agriculture project in Timor Leste which will improve the community's food security and provide local training in agricultural practices. TLV is also providing ongoing financial assistance with the renovation of a Boarding School, to dramatically enhance the Ainaro community's access to education.

Intervarsity Social Justice Conference: Breaking Down Boundaries – Friday 4 to Sunday 6 December. Are you passionate about social justice or interested in the future landscape of the law? Do you want to hear addresses from leaders in Australia's legal and political sectors? Do you want access to exclusive careers events, with representatives from the corporate, government, NGO, media and community legal centre sectors? Do you want to meet law students from around Australia? Then you should register for Breaking Down Boundaries!

Breaking Down Boundaries is an intervarsity social justice conference packed with opportunities to learn, debate, network and be inspired. This year, the conference will be hosted by the Sydney University Law School, with all attendees residing at the Women's College. With the theme 'New Frontiers', expect a jam-packed programme focused on contemporary, cutting-edge legal issues with keynote addressees by the Commonwealth Attorney-General Robert McClelland and the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Catherine Branson QC. Registration also includes a very special formal dinner with the Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG.

Where: Sydney Law School and Women's College

When: December 4-6, 2009

How much: limited early bird specials still available at \$200, or else \$220 (both plus 2% booking fee)

How to register: visit www.breakingdownboundaries.org

Volunteering/Paid Opportunities:

SWB Administrator Role Available

Students Without Borders is seeking a part-time administrator to work 15 hours per week. If you have admin and website experience, please send your resume and a covering letter to studentswithoutborders@rocketmail.com or contact 9360 6307 for more information.

Volunteer overseas this December/January

If you or someone you know are looking to do something meaningful this coming holiday season, check out opportunities to go overseas with Youth Challenge Australia. We have a few spots left for our upcoming programs in Costa Rica, Guatemala and Mexico this year.

The experience will enhance both your personal and professional growth, adding to your experience and skills. It will also provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the world, yourself, community development, language, travel and culture.

On our projects you will have the opportunity to:

- * Live in Costa Rica with local 'Tico's' and assist a natural environment construction project in their amazing environment;
- * Be a part of a rural community in Guatemala and help boost their eco-tourism initiative; or
- * Work alongside the children of Mexico while you live and work in an orphanage, assisting the children and infrastructure projects;

Youth Challenge Australia (YCA) is a not for profit, non religious organisation that engages volunteers aged 18-30 in community development projects in International and Indigenous Australian communities.

For more information on any of these projects, visit the YCA website at <http://www.youthchallenge.org.au/YCA/>.

Tutors wanted

Tutors are required for EXM130 and BUS317. If you have completed either of these units with a D or HD and would like to find out more about becoming a tutor, please contact the SWB co-ordinator on studentswithoutborders@rocketmail.com for more information. You can earn up to \$20/hr as a tutor with the Students Tutoring Students program.

Guitar teacher wanted

Can you play the electric guitar or bass? Would you be interested in teaching a small group of students how to play? If so, please contact Vicky for more information – studentswithoutborders@rocketmail.com

If you are interested in joining a music class to learn the guitar, please register your interest to the same email address.