



September 2009 Update

Here are a few more events happening this month...

Events:

Rebuilding Social Connection: Strategies from West Australian Trade Unionism – Friday 18 September. The Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice brings you this one day intensive, with presenters Simone McGurk and Keryn Anderson. Simone is Secretary of *UnionsWA*, the peak organisation that represents all Western Australian union affiliates. Keryn is an Educator Organiser for the Australian Council of Trade Unions' Organising Centre. She has been involved in campaigns for workers' rights, firstly as a workplace delegate and then as a Union Organiser with the Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union. Keryn has experience running campaigns in government and private schools and private health and aged care.

In this Intensive, Simone and Keryn, will show you:

- Contemporary trade union contributions to rebuilding social connectedness in WA and beyond;
- Leading-edge techniques for effective community campaigning;
- How these techniques differ from traditional trade union campaign methods;
- The necessity of connecting with the Australian public on core values for a civil society; and
- A community-based human rights approach that includes yet transcends wages and conditions.

[Click here for more information or to register!](#)

Tree Planting for Carnaby's Cockatoos - Saturday 19 September. Help plant the last 500 plants within a wildlife corridor at Murdoch University, followed by a free cuppa and cake. All welcome to participate, including children over 4 years old (supervised by a parent or guardian). Please come appropriately dressed for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes or boots. BYO gardening gloves, spade/trowel, watering can and drinking, but spares available. A free hot cuppa and cake will be provided at the finish. Planting will go ahead rain or shine.

Where: Meet at the bottom of Car Park 8 at Murdoch University's South Street campus, Murdoch on or before 9am sharp, to walk in to the planting site together via a sandy access track (~5 minute walk).

When: Saturday 19th September 9:00am 'til ~11:00am

Pre-Registration essential: Caroline Minton - c.minton@murdoch.edu.au or 9360 7602.

UNIFEM Australia's Spring Walk – Sunday 20 September. Over 1 billion people now live on less than one dollar per day with the majority of these being women. Additionally, the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) predict that the number of undernourished people in the world will climb to 1.02 billion, the majority of which are women and children. With the impacts of global climate change, these numbers may rise in the future.

UNIFEM Australia's Spring Campaign seeks to raise awareness of this vital issue through a national campaign which will raise funds for a project in Liberia which promotes food security for women.

When: 10am

Where: Registration from 9:45am at Arthur Fairall Playground adjacent to Western Power

Parkland, May Drive, Kings Park

Cost: \$10 per person, gold-coin donation for children, all of which goes to our food project in Liberia. Cost includes morning tea after the walk.

Multicultural Week Brunch – Thursday 24 September. During Multicultural Week the Murdoch Guild will host a Multicultural Brunch to raise funds for students experiencing severe financial hardship. The Guild will direct all funds raised into its new Financial Bursary. It is common misconception that all international students come from wealthy families and do not have to work whilst studying in Australia. Many come from families who have saved all their lives to give their children the opportunity to study overseas, and with few financial support programs such as scholarships open to International students, most work very hard to fund their education. The Guild's new Financial Bursary will be open to all students at Murdoch and will provide funds to assist a student to continue their studies.

The Multicultural Brunch will be held on Bush Court on from 10am to 1:30pm.

They are currently requesting food donations, if you can donate please contact Basha on president@murdochguild.com.

IDEAS: Sushi, Tarts, CousCous Salads, Skewers, Doughnuts, Rice Paper Rolls, Fritters, Bagels, Spring Rolls, Samosas...

They are also looking for volunteers to help with setting-up, working the tables, and cleaning up. If you can help, please contact Basha on president@murdochguild.com.

Zim Arise: A Night of African Culture – Thursday 24 September. Come along and enjoy a celebration of the beautiful Zimbabwean culture with vibrant African dance group Afrotonics and Singer Josiah Komichi. Hear the minister of Immigration **Senator Chris Evans** speak to the Zimbabwean migrants of Western Australia and learn what future lies ahead for Zimbabwe and what we can do to **REBUILD** this beautiful nation. This will be a fantastic cultural event for the Zimbabwean community in Perth, and their Australian friends. The Zimbabwean community has been divided for too long and it is now time to start the rebuilding process in unity. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

[RSVP for the event on facebook here](#)

Otherwise see you on the night! Awesome prizes are up for grabs on the night. Come dressed smart and prepared to donate.

When: 6.30pm

Where: Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre, Murdoch University

Soccer for Gaza – Saturday 26 September. Get a team together and take part in this 5 a side knockout soccer tournament, with all proceeds going to Gaza. The tournament is for males aged 14+ but there will be plenty for friends and family to join in with – food stalls, henna body art and family fun.

Where: Edinburgh Oval, Curtin University

When: 10am – 5pm

Register by 21 September: Soccer4Gaza@gmail.com

Race to Save the World – Tuesday 29 September. Get active to save the world! Form a team of two and take on the rest to complete 8 tasks the fastest. These tasks will all have a social justice theme, although the details won't be released until the day. Completing these 8 tasks will see you travelling across Perth to shops, schools, city councils and other locations.

Each team is required to bring their own camera and wear the Fair Trade t-shirts that you receive upon registration. Registration is \$20 per person and needs to be done by this Friday (18 September).

Register now by calling 6454 7809 or emailing jeremybrennan@worldvision.com.au

News and Updates:

Deaths in Custody Watch Committee Rally Reminder

Just a reminder that tomorrow (Wednesday 16 September) there are two events organised by the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA):

1. PRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLES PETITION

The Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA) & Members of the Ward Family invite you join with them on Wed 16 September, **12:30PM, on the front steps of Parliament House**, (Harvest Terrace Perth). They are calling on all concerned community members to join with them in calling for fundamental changes to a) the system of transporting detainees in WA, and b) to the administration of justice that led to the inexcusable death in custody of Mr. Ward. The State Government has not done enough – justice has not been served! The Committee will also be presenting their petition (containing 1000s of your signatures) calling for justice for Mr. Ward, and for changes to a flawed system!

2. MAJOR PUBLIC FORUM - “Institutional Racism KILLS”

The Deaths in Custody Watch Committee of WA with Curtin University and Amnesty International invite you to a public forum on Institutional Racism. Wed 16th Sept 2009, **6:00pm – 9.00pm, PERTH TOWN HALL** (car. Hay & Barrack St's, Perth), Refreshments provided.

Speakers include members of the Ward family; 2007 West Australian of the Year, Mark Bin Bakar; pioneering campaigner against deaths custody, Dennis Eggington (ALSWA), Ulli (Helen) Corbett; and Les Malezer, recipient of the 2008 Human Rights Commission medal for advancing Indigenous rights.

In 1983 a sixteen year-old boy, John Pat, died from a broken skull at Roebourne jail. The death sparked national outrage and finally a Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody was announced. To the nation's shame further deaths have occurred on a regular basis. Twenty five years later, in 2008, Mr. Ward, a respected elder, was found dead in a prison van while being transported through the central desert in 40 degree heat. A chain of preventable actions and small bureaucratic choices led to his death.

Be there! Be part of the change!

Academic Council Regional Nominations

Nominations are open for a number of student positions on University Committees, for the Student Guild office-bearers and Secretariat members, and for delegates to the annual conference of the National Union of Students.

Please note that the elected student position on Academic Council for students based at a regional campus has been incorrectly noted as only being eligible for students based at the Rockingham campus. This is not the case, and students based at either the Peel or the Rockingham campus are eligible to nominate for this position.

If you are interested in nominating for a position on one of the councils or committees, please visit the [election website](#).

Important dates for these elections are as follows:

7th September - Nominations open

21st September - Nominations close at 4 pm

25th September - Voting commences ON-LINE

9th October - Voting concludes

9th October - Close of postal votes 4 pm

Volunteering / Paid Opportunities:

Permaculture Volunteering in Dili

Hiam Health is a not for profit organization working to rehabilitate children and families suffering from malnutrition and offering education to prevent future malnutrition. Part of their program includes teaching permaculture vegetable production so people can live sustainably on a minimal income. They have built a Malnutrition, Rehabilitation and Education Centre in Dili which includes 900 square metres of permaculture garden. A young man from Perth has spent 5 months volunteering at their centre preparing the garden area and they are seeking a self funded volunteer to continue this work. They can offer accommodation. If interested please contact Jill Hillary at,

jill.hillary@hiamhealth.org

For more information about HIAM Health www.hiamhealth.org (this website is not up to date, but a new webpage is in the process of currently being built).

Tutoring

We are currently seeking tutors for the following:

PEC201 – Thermodynamics

ENG262 – Electronic Instrumentation

BUS361 – Microeconomics

MAS230 – Biostatistical Methods

ENV282 – Oceanography & Marine Pollution

If you have completed any of these units with a Distinction or High Distinction, you could become a tutor and earn up to \$20/hr. Please email Vicky for more info – swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au

Wom*n's Metior Edition

The wom*n's edition of Metior is looking for submissions – if you want to write about any issue relevant to women please email metior@murdochguild.com. Articles are needed as soon as possible.