



October Newsletter

Here is your August/September newsletter, bringing you information about coming events, current volunteering opportunities and campaign news.

Events:

Caramel Film Screening – Friday 10 October at Cinema Paradiso. This screening is one of the lead-up events for Reclaim the Night. The film follows the lives of five women working in the same beauty parlour where amorous follies are central to the themes of wisdom and friendship. Time to be confirmed. For more info or to book your ticket, please contact Lianda on 0411 066 595 or email rtnperth08@gmail.com

Reclaim the Night Banner & Zine Making – Sunday 12 October. This workshop is open to all women who want to make banners and the zine ready for Reclaim the Night. 12.30-5pm at Earthwise Community Centre, Subiaco. To book your place at the workshop, contact Lianda on 0411 066 595 or email rtnperth08@gmail.com

Quenda Survey begins – Monday 13 October. The survey will consist of two parts: an evening observation survey that will commence at 6.00pm and last until about 7.30pm. Meeting location at Bush Court 15 minutes before hand, starting on Monday 13th Oct and ongoing that week until Friday 17th Oct. The second is the trapping survey, this depends largely on the amount of traps that can be secured, we are hoping for two teams, with 3 additional volunteers for each team. The start time is early, about 6.00am. Trapping will commence on the weekend of the 18th and will continue though that week and until the study break week. It may start earlier due to logistic problems and when volunteers are available. If you would like to participate in this event please send an email confirming your interest to Neil - neilgau@yahoo.com.au. So grab a calendar, mark down when you are able to participate and send it though.

Closing date for Canvas for Change – Monday 20 October. Oxfam Australia is inviting the public to create an artwork that tells the climate change story for vulnerable communities in developing countries. The canvas could represent the climate change impacts faced by these communities, tell the story of them adapting to climate change or look at opportunities and possibilities for the future. Submitted works will be exhibited in an Oxfam Australia web gallery and there will be an online competition to choose canvases to be used on postcards and posters. For post-secondary students one of their canvases will be chosen to represent Australia as part of an exhibition at the international gathering of countries on climate change. For more info visit the [Oxfam website](http://oxfam.org.au) or check out the info flyer – <http://murdochguild.murdoch.edu.au/swb/news/Oxfam-Canvas-Flyer.pdf>

Emotional Fitness Seminar – Monday 20 October. Manage yourself and you can manage anything. Emotional fitness is about being in great shape mentally – being fit healthy and flexible, so that you can enjoy success, great relationships and a stress-free life. Meredith Forder, a self-management mentor, will be running an introductory seminar about emotional fitness here at Murdoch Uni. 9.30-10.30, location to be confirmed. If you are interested in attending, please register with Vicky Noonan – swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au. This seminar is free.

GuluWalk Perth – Saturday 25 October. The original GuluWalk started in July 2005 with just two people trying to better understand the ordeal of the children of northern Uganda, a country ravaged by more than two decades of war. Since then, GuluWalk has grown into an impassioned worldwide movement for peace. In 2007 alone, on the third annual GuluWalk Day, over 30,000 people in 100 cities in 16 countries took to the

streets to urge the world to support peace in northern Uganda. To date, GuluWalkers have raised over \$1-million to provide education and rehabilitation to Uganda's youth. **The walk will begin at 3pm (gather at 2.30pm) at Beaufort Park in Bedford**, go along Beaufort St through Bedford, Inglewood, Mt Lawley, Northbridge and then back up to Mt Lawley again. The walk will conclude at the ASeTTS building near the corner of Beaufort St and Brisbane St. **Everyone is asked to wear orange to create a visual impact.** Please register at guluwalkperth@gmail.com

Social Justice Week – Monday 27 – Friday 31 October. The Murdoch Guild of Students is presenting Social Justice Week on campus. The theme of the week is 'Education is a right, not a privilege'. Events will include a launch of the 2nd edition of the SWB magazine; a debate covering diverse topics such as education, student poverty, same sex marriage, the Palestine/Israel conflict; a chance to meet representatives from the local NGOs to learn about internships, work experience and volunteering opportunities; and the appearance of guest speakers to talk about education from different perspectives, ranging from education at Murdoch to global access to education. If you would like to get involved with Social Justice Week or would like more info about any of the upcoming events, please contact Vicky – swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au. Further info will be provided in the upcoming Meteorites and on the noticeboards around campus soon.

Reclaim the Night – Friday 31 October. Reclaim the Night represents a claim for women's basic right to live in freedom from the fear of violence. The protest is for women to have the right to walk freely at night, free from the threat of rape and sexual violence.

When: Friday 31 October 2008

Where: Meet at the Cultural Centre at 7pm

March starts at 7.30pm sharp

Rally starts at 8pm in Stirling Gardens (near the kangaroo sculptures)

The rally will include speeches, entertainment, stalls and much more.

The march and rally are for women and children only. This policy has not been made with the intention of excluding men, but rather to ensure the inclusion of all women. We support and encourage men to be active about this issue on other occasions but ask them women's right to march by themselves. If you need an Auslan Interpreter, please confirm by 15 October so that one can be booked for the rally. The event and workshops are wheelchair accessible. For more info or to book an interpreter, contact Lianda on 0411 066 595 or email rtperth08@gmail.com

For more info about these events, please visit the [SWB website](#)

Volunteering/Paid Opportunities:

BBQ volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help on the SWB barbecue each Thursday until the end of semester. They will be running from 9.30am - 2.00pm on Bush Court to raise money for SWB programs and campaigns. If you can spare any time to help out, please contact Vicky Noonan – swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au

Tutors required

Have you received a Distinction or above for any of your units? If so, why not join the Students Tutoring Students Program and help other students to achieve their goals??

We are currently searching for tutors for the following:

BUS361 – Microeconomics A
LAW369 – Legal Practice & Transactions
BUS375 – Human Resource Economics
BIO301 – Industrial Bioprocessing & Bioremediation
MAS230 – Biostatistical Methods
EDU113 – Intro to Science
MCC248/548 – Screen Texts
PSY173 – Research Methods & Statistics
ENG109 – Computing for Scientists & Engineers
POL575 – Policy Change in a Global Context
POL697 – Democracy in the 21st Century

PEC201 – Thermodynamics
ENG262 – Principles of Electronic Instrumentation

Tutors can charge up to \$20/hr for their services. If you choose not to charge for your time you will become eligible, after 40 hours of service, to have your participation in the program recorded on your developmental transcript.

8Ball Computer Recycling Program

Do you have good IT skills? Can you spare a couple of hours each week to help refurbish computers? The 8Ball Computer Recycling Program needs you!

We are currently preparing to send up to 500 computers overseas and need as many volunteers as possible to help us achieve our goal. If you can help please contact Vicky Noonan – swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au

We also need more computers – if you have any surplus computers that you are willing to donate to the 8Ball Program, please contact Vicky Noonan – swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au
Computers must be no more than 5 years old, monitors must be minimum 17" and in good working condition.

Social Justice Week

On Wednesday 29 October the Guild is inviting NGOs onto campus – this will provide the opportunity for anyone who is interested in internships, work experience or voluntary work to learn more about the different groups that you can get involved with. They will be on Bush Court from 10am – 2pm.

Campaign Info:

SWB Action Group

The SWB Action Group is a small group of students at Murdoch who want to be active in campaigning and awareness raising. We meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 10am in the Social Justice Centre. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Old Growth Forest Logging

During September a group of 15 students travelled down to the Wellington Discovery Forest near Collie to learn about the impact of unsustainable logging. We visited the Jabberup logging coupe and saw the devastation caused. Not only have trees that are over 300 years old been chopped down, but healthy trees have been poisoned and left to die just because they do not grow straight and so are harder to log. One of the most shocking discoveries is that these trees are being used for railway sleepers and as wood chips to fuel a silicon smelter. Logging doesn't only occur down south though; Wearne Forest (just outside Armadale) is on the list of forests to be logged in 2010, and the area made available for logging is 14 times the size of Peppermint Grove! If you are interested in learning more about unsustainable logging practices or would like to join the campaign to stop the logging of native forests, join the SWB Action Group – email swbaction@guild.murdoch.edu.au or swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au.

Stop Violence Against Women

As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, the SWB Action Group are organising a night to remember at Ginger's Garage in Northbridge - 'I will not fall'. It will be held on Saturday 6th December from 7.30pm-midnight. This date was chosen to coincide with the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre in which a gunman entered a Montreal classroom and killed 14 female students after declaring that he hates feminists.

'I will not fall' aims to celebrate the strength of women, with all proceeds going to Zonta House, a women's refuge in Mt Hawthorn. The event will feature live music by artists such as Damien Thornber and the Orphans, Hayley Beth, and Polly Medlan. Further details will be provided soon.



Support the Guild that supports SWB