



Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren (WA) Inc

*One person caring for another represents life's greatest value*

## Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA Inc. October 2019

In September we were treated to a lovely Morning Tea at Fostering Hope's unit 32 Buckingham Drive Wangara. The unit is set out like Santa's workshop, so many toys, books, baby paraphanelia cots, prams etc. as well as clothes well set out in age groups and dress ups galore. This is not just for grandparent foster carers, but anyone caring for grandchildren/kinship care full time. They ask for a gold coin or \$10 donation depending on the amount of things you want to take. To get back to the morning tea, it was fantastic and much enjoyed, thanks to Linzi Mooney and Lorraine Leklas.

GRGWA members Carol Hale and Trevor Nichols have raised Hayden Wallace as Kinship Carers and he is now 17, winning 2019 Northern Conference Year 10 Fairest and Best. Congratulations Hayden from us all.

And Congratulations also to Janine Wood from No Limits Perth on winning the \$10,000 for being one of the The Westfield Whitfords Local Heroes, a well deserved win to help with the group's finances.

As part of Fairer Futures for Grandchildren, a meeting was arranged by Dr Katrina Stratton, Wanslea members from the Pearce electorate and our President Jan Standen representing GRGWA. A good meeting where problems with grandparents being put on Newstart were aired. September saw the third Retreat At St Catherine's, GRGWA are having to fund the last two Retreats of the year. Always a good fun event and well attended by members who are spoiled with morning tea and lunch by Sister Elizabeth and the team.

Virginia Huupponen and the iDaredream team are offering a 6 week programme for GRGWA 5-9 year olds at 163 Main St Osborne Park from 19<sup>th</sup> October to 23<sup>rd</sup> November Saturdays 11 to 12 noon. Its called Jazzy, Pinky and the Energy Ball. For booking [info@idaredream.org.au](mailto:info@idaredream.org.au) or phone 0438 924 424.



Hon Christian Porter MP, Dr Katrina Stratton, Jan Standen and Wanslea members.



Hayden Wallace winning Fairest and Best as well as being in the 2019 premiers for year 10 Blue Division.

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## **OCTOBER 2019 EVENTS**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Annual Respite Break at Mandurah Family Resort.

### **TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**NO MEETING DUE TO ANNUAL RESPITE BREAK.**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

King Carnival 25 Leighton Pl, Halls Head 10am to 1pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings **Balcatta** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Bunnings **Joondalup** Craft Day 10 to 12 midday

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Morning tea at Noeline's. 10am to 12pm

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Wanneroo Botannic Gardens and Mini Golf. Sponsored by Soroptimists of Joondalup

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Melbourne Cup

Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>

Stringybark Winery

More info on Events, phone or email Jan McGillivray

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## **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

Grandparent Advisor

Karen Poole (Centrelink) (New Grandparent Advisor)

6241 9339 / 1800 245 965

Wanslea Grandcare

1800 008 323 or (08) 9245 2441

NB Basic short legal advice is available via Wanslea Grandcare. Phone for appointment and details of the service.

Grandcarer Support Scheme

(run via Wanslea)

1800 794 9

Foodbank of WA

23 Abbott Road Perth Airport 6105  
9258 9277

Opening hours 9am to 3pm

Joondalup Foodbank Hub

Cnr Winton and Lincoln Lane

Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am to 2pm

Please phone Foodbank to confirm Hub's times

Crisis Care 9223 1111

Elder Abuse Helpline

1300 724 679

Northern Suburbs Legal Centre

9301 4413 Joondalup

9440 1663 Mirrabooka

Carers WA

Good general helpline

1800 007 332 (freecall)

Carers WA Crisis helpline

1800 007 332

8.30am – 7.30pm Mon-Fri

Citizens Advice Bureau

9221 5711

Good general helpline



Mercy College and PAMACHI representatives with Jan Penny and Raewyn receiving their cheque to be used for Christmas vouchers for GRGWA children.



GRGWA members at Fostering Hope's unit in Wangara