

# Women's International Day Breakfast



On 8 March 2010, WAMS staff attended a Women's International Day Breakfast hosted by the Walgett Shire at the local RSL.

The goal was to celebrate and unite the women of Walgett.

Placemats of women and the roles they played in the home dating back from the 1940's, provided interesting conversation around the tables.

A large picture of a sunflower was hung on the wall. Paper cut-out petals were placed on tables for women to write what they liked to do and what they would like to achieve.

The petals were placed around the flower to give the feeling of unity around the room.

Aunty Faye Green offered an interesting story of her life in Walgett.

Geraldine O'Connor spoke on a number of topics such as fuel, electricity, transport, linkages to other towns, community gardens and drawing on strengths locally.

Lauren Ryan performed some inspirational songs.





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#### WAMS Officers in attendance were:

Christine Corby	Chief Executive Officer
Sarah Brown	Healthy for Life
Maria Hammond	Goonimoo
Ann Megalokonomos	PHW/Breathe
Patricia Murray	Goonimoo
Helane Rigby	AHW Clinic
Sarah Robinson	Executive Support
Sharon Silversides	Executive Support
Donna Thurston	Executive Support
Kayla Thurston	Dental

#### Also in attendance were representatives from:

Ageing Disability and Home Care - Mission Australia  
 Dharriwaa Elders Group - Walgett Shire Council  
 Women from the Walgett Community

#### Special Guests:

Aunty Faye Green, OAM Local Resident  
 Geraldine O'Connor Port Stephens Council  
 Lauren Ryan Singer  
 (family connections in Walgett)

#### Recommendations:

The sunflower exercise is a method of capturing assets and determining gaps that can be addressed with local resources.

The data is presently being collated and will form part of an asset map that Lianne Tasker, Manager Community Development and Tourism, Walgett Shire Council, is designing. On completion it will be shared with the Interagency members and any interested parties.

The sunflower is to be displayed at the local library.

The Day was advertised and promoted in the community. For future events, a wider cross section of the community would have been more beneficial.

