

# DAYS FOR GIRLS

Bridgetown WA Chapter

## Newsletter

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## DfG Bridgetown WA Headquarters

After the Christmas/New Year summer break, we recommenced our activities for 2018 in February, from our new location in the Old Terminus Building on the corner of Steere and Roe Streets. We are delighted to be offered this space by the Bridgetown Family & Community Centre. To be able to store our equipment and supplies, plus have a permanent place to sort our kit components and do our prep work is testimony to the wonderful things happening with DfG in our community and beyond.



## A Mother's Union

In January, Brenda was invited to the Mother's Union Carey Park Branch in Bunbury to receive donations of Coles, Best & Less and Big W Gift Vouchers totalling \$420. These funds were raised in November 2017 specifically for DfG Bridgetown Chapter. Brenda had previously met with this group for a presentation outlining the work of DfG around the world.

Thank you so much, Linda Howe, for your interest and leadership role in introducing DfG to your group and reaching out to help us reach our goals for girls in PNG. These vouchers were very timely and used to purchase Ziplock Bags and Knickers for our Kit Packing Day in February.



## Tasmanian Connections

While on holiday in Tasmania recently, Brenda was able to meet up with DfG Team Leaders. Susan's Hobart team has sent many kits to the YWAM (Medical) Ship which is on their return trip to Brisbane to restock with, among other things, 555 DfG Kits.

Denise is the Tasmanian State Director/Coordinator and her Launceston team has recently helped the Deloraine team who have left for Nepal with a large number of Kits. These ladies are very dedicated and passionate about what they do and Brenda felt very privileged to have met them. They all meet up again in May for the first National DfG Conference in Melbourne.



Thank you for all your support

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## Bickley SDA Group Delivers

Brenda caught up with the Bickley DfG group in February and helped them pack 27 kits. This group also meet once a month under the very capable leadership of Pam Fairfoul. Thank you so much, ladies. Your beautiful kits have been boxed and labelled ready for the next shipment to PNG.



## Quinninup Luncheon

A gathering and light lunch was hosted by the Quinninup DfG sewing group in April. This group have set a goal of delivering 25 kits at a time and to date, have completed 50 kits. For a small group who meet only monthly this is a huge effort.

Brian O'Hare donated an Overlocker and Sewing Machine for the group to keep at their craft centre for DfG use. We are continually grateful of Brian's support with the maintenance and servicing of our machines. Emma Lindquist, from the Manjimup Community Resource Centre was also present. The Centre auspice all DfG activities in and around Manjimup. They also provide most of our printing requirements.



## Solo Home Volunteers

We have been so fortunate to have volunteers who have dedicated hours and hours of sewing and prep work in their own homes. We farewell two of our volunteers for the time being, Candy who has taken up full time studies so she can better serve patients with dementia and Zaabria. We are so grateful for all your contributions. Thank you.



## 100 Kits from Esperance

Just before Christmas, Esperance DfG representative, Fiona Baird and her husband, dropped by to deliver 100 kits. This was the first efforts of the Esperance team which was newly formed in May last year. What a huge effort. Since then, they have targeted another 100 kits destined for Louisiade Islands, south-east of Papua New Guinea, end of May 2018.



## Term 1 BFCC Workshop

Our year kick started with a kit assembling day at the Bridgetown Family & Community Centre in February. Thank you to everyone who came along. We still had Postpartum liners stockpile since we first commenced a couple of years ago but discontinued making this size with the introduction and replacement of the new Heavy Flow Kits. 88 Postpartum Kits were packed.





## Katanning Senior High School

In March Julie Brown, Rotary member of Katanning and her exchange student from France, delivered 48 kits from the Katanning Senior High School. These kits had been stockpiled since 2014 when she introduced DfG to the Home Economics Teacher, Mrs Malik. Julie learned about DfG while attending a national Rotary Convention in NSW.



Brenda, as the new State Coordinator, visited the school in February as a result of meeting Julie at a local District Rotary Convention in 2017. DfG was introduced to the Yr 12 curriculum with much enthusiasm and we are excited to be connected with the school and their program. DfG International has launched a program geared for young adults aged 12 to 24, called [Club DfG](#) and focuses on students leading efforts to raise awareness, take action and create global change. This year, a few schools have expressed an interest in being involved.

## DfG Spring Time Raffle Winner

Gail Hay was the 1st prize winner of the Days for Girls Raffle drawn on Dec 18, 2017 at Nelsons of Bridgetown. Helping oversee the draw were, Laura from Nelsons, Jacqui Jones, President of Bridgetown Rotary, and Patricia Brandt representing the BFCC. The Spring Time Raffle was launched at the DfG High Tea on Oct 22 and ongoing ticket sales were graciously supported by the BFCC, Mitre 10, Bridgetown Pharmacy, Elements Hair & Beauty, Clovers Store, Mini Mart, The Mushroom at No.61 Café in Balingup, and the Manjimup CRC. A River Market Stall and a Hampton St Kiosk booking saw hundreds of tickets sold.

We also wish to thank the many individuals who took raffle books to sell among family and friends. The funds raised help us continue our work of producing high quality sustainable feminine hygiene kits for girls in developing countries. The DfG Chapter especially thank the prize donors - WA Quilters Association, Nelsons of Bridgetown and The Mulberry Tree Cafe.

Congratulation to the other prize winners - 2nd prize, Elaine Humphrey of Manjimup and 3rd prize, Shayne Sermon of Perth. Being a local resident, we waited for Gail to come down and collect her prize and take this happy photo.



## Perth SDA Youth Rally

Bridgetown DfG were invited to a SDA Youth Rally in Perth recently. The theme was 'Serving Others'. The afternoon part of the day was dedicated to various activities. 10 youth chose to attend our display and workshop. After a brief presentation they happily got stuck into threading and labelling bags which make up part of the DfG Kit. 153 girls will be impacted by their contributions of service.



## International Women's Day 2018

The 8th March marked International Women's Day and the Bridgetown Chapter celebrated the day with Brooke Murphy attending a gathering in the Golden Valley Tree Park, Balingup. The event was organised by Christine Maddison. Our information table was set up under the two big old oak trees and there was lots of interest in Days for Girls. Dr Chrissy Sharp, PhD, MA, BA (Hons) was one of the inspirational speakers. It was a very special day.







## DfG Bridgetown, WA Chapter Committee Members

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## PNG Pallet for 2018

StarTrack, Bunbury, have again sponsored the cost of transporting another pallet of Kits to FastAir Services in Brisbane, who are the shipping agents for NBPOL, Poliamba. 312 kits, an Overlocker, Sewing Machine and DfG sewing supplies and fabric are on their way and we are most grateful to David Watts for his support.

This stock is helping supplement the DfG Poliamba Enterprise as they continue to strive toward self supporting status.



## Poliamba DfG Sewing Centre

It was highlighted on Days for Girls Bridgetown WA Chapter's last visit to New Ireland Papua New Guinea, that a permanent sewing centre was needed in order for the Poliamba DfG Enterprise to be a success. Plans were put in place to purchase two last trip sea containers and convert them into a building that Poliamba DfG can work from. Fundraising has taken place in New Ireland, PNG and also here in Australia.

It is with great excitement we can announce that Poliamba Days for Girls is ready to purchase the sea containers and begin this new stage of them becoming an Enterprise.



## Poliamba DfG Kit Distribution

Poliamba Days for Girls travelled to Lemeris Primary School, Madak region, in May. 30 DfG Kits were handed out to the girls. Great interest was again shown at the Women's Health Awareness presentation. Madak is situated in the middle of New Ireland, PNG. You can view some more photographs of the distribution on the [Poliamba Days For Girls, Kavieng, New Ireland Province Face book Page](#).



## Trish Lang's Sewing Centre donation

Thank you Trish Lang's Sewing Centre, Bunbury, for the wonderful donations of fabrics for shield making.



## Turning Periods into Pathways

Do you want to help the Days for Girls cause and empower girls around the world, bringing her dignity and giving her back days?

We run Kit Preparation Days every Wednesday morning, 9:30 to 12:00, during the school term at The Terminus Building in Bridgetown. Contact Brenda on 0407 110 754 for more information.

Click [here](#) to find the requirements of fabric, knickers, soaps, face washers etc donations.

Monetary donations are welcomed and appreciated. Contact us via our [facebook page](#), [email](#), or call Brenda on 0407 110 754.

Thank you for all your support

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