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WCTU Newsletter

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STATE PRESIDENT'S NEWS:

Dear Members and Friends,

May you find a peace and happiness that surpasses all understanding as you continue your daily faith walk with Jesus.

Habukkuk 2vs2-3 CEV says Then the Lord told me: I will give you my message in the form of a vision, Write it clearly enough to be read at a glance. At the time I have decided my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time but keep on waiting it will happen.




I believe that as we seek the Lord for his preferred future for WCTU/Breathe and as we write, share ideas and wait on the Lord he will reveal the plans he has for us to prosper and to move forward in the 21st century. I am going to list ways in this newsletter that we as an organisation and you as individuals can connect with groups who are already doing things in your local community against drugs and alcohol. I pray that you be inspired to step up and get involved to make a difference. This way even though there may not be an active WCTU union in your area, as an individual member of WCTU you can still be involved in the fight against alcohol and drugs.

We should stand up for those unable to, such as Nate the baby killed by a drunk driver while sleeping in his bed. You can help by going to thewest.com.au/pledgeforNate. When you're out, choose water and when people ask why say "I'm drinking for Nate and the Nates to come" and invite them to join you.

There are more people in the community standing up for things like increasing the drinking age to 21 years and higher penalties for the cowardly one punch. Let us get behind these people and support them with petitions etc.

It has been suggested that to help change the culture of our society, when you are offered a bottle of wine or carton of beer in gratitude for something you have done, decline it. Yes cause embarrassment on those presuming your delight for alcohol. If enough people in prominence do this the culture will change.

Please join up/link-in with organisations fighting a cause similar to ours eg:

-  The Esther Foundation
-  Hope Community Services
-  Drug Advisory Council

- 👍 National Council of Women
- 👍 Collective Shout
- 👍 Dalgarno Institute
- 👍 Department of Health WA – has established Local Drug Action Groups. They need volunteers to assist. Check out what might be happening near you at www.localdrugaction.com.au or call 93700386 or freecall 1800532407.

Being involved in your local area may also give you an opportunity to meet new people and share your faith with others.

ACTION ON ALCOHOL ADVERTISING:

Few places are untouched by alcohol advertising. The Alcohol Advertising Review Board has been established to have your say and make a complaint. Visit www.alcoholadreview.com.au when you see something you feel is inappropriate advertising.

INSPIRING LADIES:

On 17th January an afternoon tea was held to acknowledge and thank Margaret Martin, Kay Vernon and Cath Maxwell for the many years of service they have devoted in making a difference through the WCTU.

We were also privileged that Karen Edwards and her sister Sue were able to join us. Karen shared her inspiring story of how the We Care Boxes were established in SA. God has really been able to turn a tragic circumstance into such a blessing for Victims of Crime.

Michael O'Connell the Commissioner for victims of crimes stated that he would be

willing to assist WCTU Australia to do this in all states. Praise God.



Left to right: Cath Maxwell, Kay Vernon & Margaret Martin.

FESTIVE SEASON MOCKTAIL WINNER:

Thanks to Andrina Prnich who ran a Mocktail Competition through Breathe's Facebook page in December.

We are pleased to announce that Kahlie Blazicevic was the winner with this fantastic mocktail. Congratulations and well done Kahlie who said she had fun making and serving it to family and friends over the festive season.

Strawberry Margarita

Ingredients...

500g fresh strawberries, raspberries and blue berries

¼ cup (60ml) lime juice

½ cup (120ml) orange juice

2tbsp sugar to taste
 12 ice cubes
 Strawberry and lime wedge for garnish.

Method...

- Prepare the margarita glasses by putting sugar in a shallow dish.
- Wet the glass rims with a lime wedge and dab it in the sugar to thoroughly coat it.
- Blend together ingredients and pour into glasses.
- Serve and garnish with lime and strawberries.



Kahlie Blazicevic – 1st Prize Winner for Dec 2013 Mocktail Competition.

NEW MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE:

Our membership fees will be due in May. We would like to bring your attention to the new fee structure and the fact that there are three easy ways to make a payment.

Fee Structure

Full member:	\$20
(Children free when Mum is a member)	
Associate Member Men:	\$ 5
Affiliate Member:	\$20
Senior Member:	\$10
Drug Free Christian Youth (13-26y):	\$ 5
Drug Free Kids (6-12y):	Free

Little White Ribboner (0-5y): Free

Full Membership - Women who sign the Membership Promise and pay annually.
Associate Membership - Men who sign the Membership Promise and pay annually.
Affiliate Membership - Persons or organisations who wish to support and pay the annual fee but who do not wish to sign the Membership Promise.
 Associate and Affiliate Members cannot vote or hold office in the organisation.

Membership Promise

With God’s help, I will advocate and follow a drug-free lifestyle free from all alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs.

Three Ways to Pay

We invite you to pay your membership through one of the following methods:

1. Online Internet Banking using our Westpac Banking Account

B.S.B: 736-011
 Account No: 07-0081
 Ref: MF-Giver’s Name
 In the “reference” line, please put MF (for Membership Fee) followed by your name, so we can identify you. Your receipt number or print out will be your receipt.

2. At any Westpac Bank

B.S.B: 736-011
 Account No: 07-0081
 Ref: MF-Giver’s Name
 In the “reference” line, please put MF (for Membership Fee) followed by your name, so we can identify you. The stamped deposit slip will be your receipt.

3. By giving it to your local WCTU member in the enclosed envelope.

GRANT FOR ROAD TO BETHLEHEM:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that assisted with offering non alcoholic drinks at the Road to Bethlehem.

We would also like to thank the Office of Road Safety for a grant of \$1000 to run the event! Many of the 4000 people who came to R2B were able to sample the wide choice of non alcoholic drinks that are available from supermarkets.



Catherine Jones & Thelma Payne at Road to Bethlehem stand Dec 2013.



Office of Road Safety signage "Drink Driving – It's Never OK" at Road to Bethlehem Dec 2013.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

As our fundraiser for 2014 we will be selling Entertainment Books. They cost \$65 and often save you money after using just two of the coupons inside.

Entertainment Books are only available through organisations that offer value back into their community.

Please call us on 9322 1648 or email us at wctuwa@gmail.com if you'd like to reserve your copy from us.

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We'd love to make sure your details are correct on our database. Please keep us updated with your new address, email or mobile via wctuwa@gmail.com or calling 9322 1648.

If you have an email and would prefer to receive e-news, please just send us your email! Thank you so much.

God Bless You,

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