

# International Women's Day 2009 Report

## Armidale Dumaresq Council Morning tea – Tuesday 10 March 2009

### Grant funding

Total grant funding was not spent.

### Event description: IWD Morning Tea

A morning tea was held on Tuesday 10 March at Council's Community Cottage. In attendance were Council's female staff members, women from Armidale TAFE, Sanctuary Armidale, the Womens' Health Centre and community members.

The group heard stories from three African nation refugees, one from South Sudan and two from Kenya, who have come to Armidale in the past few years. Representatives from Sanctuary Armidale also shared their stories.

### Community partners

Community partners involved in the event were Armidale Sanctuary Humanitarian Settlement Incorporated, Northern Settlement Services, Armidale TAFE, Women's Health Service and Armidale Community Cottage staff.

### Feedback from participants: Approximately 40 people participated

Below are copies of emails I received after the event. The emails were completely voluntary and genuine.

*Congratulations Angela on taking the initiative to organise today. It was not only a great chance for a get-together and to give the Sudanese ladies in particular a chance to speak, but also got some of us to visit the Community Cottage – in my case for the first time.*

*Well done – it was a very happy and successful event.*

*Jan*

*Dear Angela*

*Just a quick note to thank you for all your wonderful efforts with that lovely morning tea on Tuesday.*

*It was really nice to share with the Sudanese women, Sanctuary volunteers and people from TAFE and you did a beautiful job to make it all happen.... The catering was yummy and our little gifts from the eco-store, an unexpected 'girlie' treat. Everything was very much appreciated....See you again next year!*

*Kind Regards*

*Pauline. (Library)*

Hi Angela

Thanks for arranging this morning it was really lovely to see and hear the South Sudanese ladies - and the Sanctuary ladies were interesting also - it was great to be part of the whole deal.

Lynda

Dear Angela

Thank you so very much for a wonderful morning tea.

It was obvious that you had put a lot of thought into making the event a significant event for International Women's Day.

It was great to have such a diverse range of ladies in attendance and to have the opportunity to socialise with ladies from ADC and met new friends.

Looking forward to 2010 celebrations.

A BIG thank you!

MargS

### **Event publicity**

Letters and emails were sent to the community partners. Posters were made advertising the event and distributed to community partners and Council staff. A media alert was sent to the media to attend and the local Armidale Express newspaper attended on the day. A story and photo was in Friday 27 March 2009 edition.

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