

## QE II SENIORS & COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT – APRIL 2013

### QEII SENIORS & COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANT

The City of Greater Geraldton receives funds from the Department of Communities to provide a full-time seniors coordination position at the centre to assist with expanding the range of programs, support and information to seniors living in the City of Greater Geraldton and surrounding regional areas.

### ATTENDANCE FIGURES

#### Regular Senior User Groups & Programs

Art Class	54
Association of Independent Retirees	32
Association for the Blind	22
Bingo	30
Bowls	549
Cards	161
Carers Support Group	23
Computer Lessons	10
Craft	18
Crochet	63
Darts	45
ESL Class	30
Friendly Squares Dance Club	100
Geraldton Probus Club	28
Line Dancing	65
Mah-jongg	34
Midwest Stroke Support Group	0
Over 50's Gym	391
Pensioners Social Games Afternoon	8
Pensioners Social Club Meeting	62
Piccadilly Dance Club	28
QEII Advisory Committee	0
QEII Gardening Club	14
Rehab Gym	171
Seniors Online	294
Seniors Action Group Meeting	89
Seniors Movie Afternoon	0
Table Tennis	95
Ukulele Club	62
Walk Group	101
<b>Total for regular senior user groups</b>	<b>2579</b>

*Note:* Attendance figures don't include seniors who use the lounge room facilities which equates to 30 to 40 per day.

**Regular Centre Community User Groups**

- Australia Day Committee
- Geraldton Orchid Society
- Geraldton Menshed
- Sun City Four Square Church
- Woman's Aglow

**Total for regular centre community groups = 207**

**Occasional Bookings**

- Impact Leadership 300
- Geraldton Secondary College Ball 300
- Lanage Party 50
- Wedding 160
- Wedding 140
- Food stall meeting 20
- Seniors Quiz Afternoon

**Total for occasional bookings = 1030**

**Total Centre usage for April 2013 = 3816**

**Monthly Senior Service Providers:**

- Association of the Blind
- Broadband for Seniors Kiosk – Australian Government
- Carers Morning Tea
- English as a Second Language Classes – Midwest Multicultural Association
- Midwest Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre
- Midwest Stroke Support Group
- Over 50's Gentle Gym – Geraldton Health Service
- Rehabilitation Gym – Geraldton Health Service

Rosetta Finlay  
QEII Seniors & Community Centre Coordinator



**STAR PUPIL:** Art teacher Jim Evans with stroke survivor Don Fowler. Pictures: SOPHIE ELLIOTT



Ray Ashton gets started on a new piece of art.



Norma Stevens puts the finishing touches on her work.

## Students the inspiration for art teacher Jim

### Sophie Elliott

The Queen Elizabeth II Centre art class celebrated 10 years as a group on Friday.

Art teacher Jim Evans, a volunteer, said it was a huge achievement to have held the classes for a decade.

"If I am still able I will continue for another 10 years," he said. "I love art. I have a passion for art and it is great to see

this class go ahead for so long."

Mr Evans said his goals for the group included exhibiting their work.

"It would be great in the near future if the class could secure an exhibition space," he said.

"I would like to have an annual exhibition, that would be the icing on the cake.

"That way, the students could see what it entails, the whole journey, from starting

with nothing to holding an exhibition."

The weekly classes can attract up to 20 students, who range from people with disabilities, to seniors, to people using it for therapy and able-bodied members.

Mr Evans said it filled him with a sense of pride when his students learnt how to paint or achieved a milestone.

His highlights of his time

teaching included seeing students win awards and a stroke-survivor learn how to paint and sell his work.

"These highlights show just how viable this group is," he said.

The QEII Art Class is held every Friday from 9am to 1pm.

The cost is \$3 per class and all are welcome.

No experience or equipment is required.