

Key dates

Today

Divas Day Out, 9.30am-5.30pm, show at 6.30pm. A day of music with Out of the Blue singers, Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. Women of Illawarra art exhibition, 10am-5pm to March 29. Wollongong City Gallery.

Tuesday

Women's health complementary therapies expo, open day and goddess day, 10am-3pm, Illawarra Women's Health Centre.

Wednesday

Explore TAFE, 10am, Wollongong TAFE, North Wollongong.

Thursday - International Women's Day

Union women @ breakfast, 7.30am, UniCentre, University of Wollongong.

Schools' morning tea, 10am-noon, Wollongong City Council.

International Women's Day lunch, hosted by zone NBO1 VIEW Clubs, 10am, Villa D'oro, Wollongong.

International Women's Day march and rally, 5.30pm, Fred Moore House.

Wollongong Women's Centre - Girls Get Louder, 6-8pm, Wollongong Youth Centre.

Saturday, March 10

Zonta Status of Women lunch, 11.30-3pm, City Beach Convention Centre, Wollongong. Bubbles ball for breast cancer, 6pm, Port Kembla RSL.

Wednesday, March 13

Muslim women's Unveiling the Myth project and art competition, 10.30am, venue to be confirmed.



Keen: International Women's Day participants Terry Hawkins and Amy Taylor. Picture: KIRK GILMOUR

Reality bites for diners

MORE than 250 women - and a handful of men - were given a dose of reality at yesterday's launch of International Women's Day in the Illawarra.

As they tucked into a meal and selections of wines at the Novotel Northbeach, they were told about the many women and children in the region who seek help as a result of domestic violence and homelessness.

Carinya Cottage women's refuge, which received the proceeds from the lunch, gets no government money and is funded totally by the Salvation Army.

Spokesperson Gillian Pilkington told the luncheon that in the past year, Carinya Cottage took in 165 women and children who were

escaping domestic violence or were homeless.

They were the lucky ones - hundreds more desperate women and their children were turned away for lack of room.

International Women's Day Committee Illawarra chair Judith Henderson said the day was also a perfect time to celebrate the achievements of women throughout the Illawarra in fields such as sport, the professions, as carers and as social agitators.

She said the achievements of many in the room should encourage young women to follow their dreams.

Speaker Terry Hawkins also gave advice on how to reverse the pitfalls of life by transforming negatives into positives.

RED CROSS CALLING

Family Fun Day!

SUNDAY MARCH 4 - STARTS 10am

- Barefoot Bowls 10.30am - gold coin donation
- Chocolate Wheel - all day
- Face Painting for the kids
- Balloon Lucky Dip - EVERY ONE'S A WINNER!

PLENTY TO EAT

- BACON & EGG ROLLS • SAUSAGE SANDWICHES
- STEAK SANDWICHES

MAJOR
RAFFLE

WIN A \$500
SHOPPING SPREE



CHARITY HEAD SHAVES!

Taking place

HAIR COLOURING Have your hair sprayed for \$2

All proceeds on the day go to 'Red Cross Calling' - LOCAL MONEY DONATED TO LOCAL CAUSES

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