



Ten Forty Matrix Newsletter

February 2022

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What's On

Dykes for Dinner

Thursday 17th February @ 6 30 p.m.

At The Golden Barley Hotel
165 Edgeware Road
Enmore.

Pub food at reasonable prices.
Vegetarian and gluten-free
available. See their website for
details. <https://www.goldenbarleyhotel.com.au/>

All customers 16yrs and over must be
fully vaccinated against Covid-19.
Australian government vaccination
proof will need to be shown upon
entry to the hotel.

Please RSVP to Sue Gee

suegee1@optusnet.com.au

Out and About

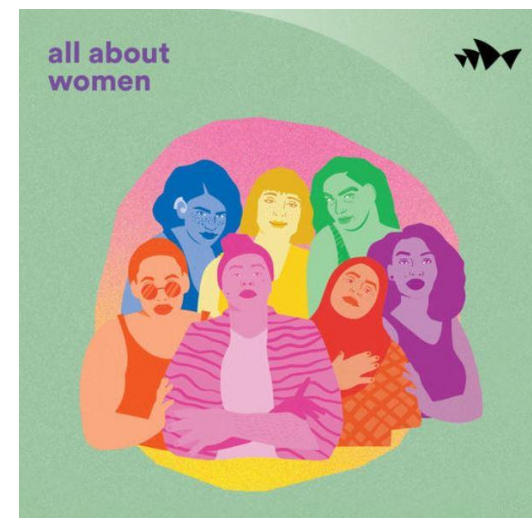
Sunday 20th February, 12pm

Sailor's Grill
2 St Georges Crescent
Drummoyne

RSVP to Sharon at
biara1@optusnet.com.au

All about Women- March 2022

invites audiences to gather and reflect on
burning questions about gender, equality,
and justice.



To find out more go to the website:

<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/all-about-women>

Tune in to 'The Big Indoor Picnic Again!' A Report



On Saturday 11 December from just before 11.30am older lesbians starting checking into Leichhardt Town Hall for the second Big Indoor Picnic. The delightful sounds of Anne Stevens playing her cello greeted the arrivals as they found a table and greeted old and new friends. This event was originally planned for 23 October, mental health month, when we had high hopes of a diminishing problem with COVID. We were all getting our vaccinations and COVID seemed to be getting under control.

Then came the long lockdown July-mid October. Delta emerged and threw all plans in the too hard basket. The planning group then negotiated with Inner West for 11 December with a backup date early in 2022. We were not leaving anything to chance. What a stroke of luck that we managed to have a face-to-face event before omicron hit

the streets after restrictions were lifted on 15th December.

Registrations came in thick and fast and we were soon up to our budget target of 65. The committee set about writing funding submissions and an application to hire Leichhardt Town Hall and an application for fee waiver. All were successful! We got \$1000 from WayAhead Mental Health Association who provide grants for October Mental Health Month. We were delighted to get another \$1000 from ACON community grants project. Together with a small amount from Ten Forty Matrix funds we were able to provide a wonderful free event. The final count on the day was 59 good women.

Pearlie, our MC, introduced Annie, of Bundjalung descent, to give the acknowledgement of country. It was then time for lunch. Using the same fantastic caterer as the 2021 event, Sam of *All Courses Elite Catering*, a local woman, we all enjoyed the provided individual lunch boxes. All dietary needs were catered for.

We had already agreed that booking entertainers would be too hard to organise, so our fabulous Ten Forty Committee worked out a series of fun activities. After lunch, Pearlie provided us with some fun: *Corny and Crappy!* With excellent prizes. This was followed by Jan Aikin and Fiona Rimes with their *Quirky Quiz*.

(Fiona also took the role of COVID Marshal). A test for all of us on our lesbian history. New random groups were formed to facilitate meeting new friends and perhaps some women with better trivia knowledge.

Dancing was permitted and music provided a chance for a little bit of action on the dance floor. But too soon 3pm was reached and in classic lesbian mode a great team of volunteers helped stack the chairs, heaved the heavy tables closed and stacked, removed the purple table cloths, the Christmas decorations on the tables, pack the tea, coffee, paper cups and other items into boxes, swept the floor and generally, within a very short time, returned Leichhardt Town Hall to its former state.

Feedback forms were collected and clearly demonstrated that, The Big Indoor Big Picnic Again! was a tremendous success. Following the event reports to WayAhead and ACON were written and sent as well as feedback to Inner West on the success of the event.

Warm thanks go to all the organisers mentioned already, in addition: Diann Payne who took some great photos, Carissa Barry who helped Sylvia learn the audio system, workers who set up the hall and worked on the door; Chris, Wendy, Ping, Alison, and

Marie, along with other committee members, and especially all the impromptu volunteers who did a sterling job of cleaning up after the event.

Sylvia
January 2022



Country Lesbian Association

Starting at the end of November 2021, the Country Lesbian Association, (CLA) took off with its first meeting via Zoom. This playful name is taken from the Country Women's Association, which in its own right has played a very important role for women in regional and rural areas of Australia, and its purpose is to meet every two months and to help connect lesbian women from regional and rural areas of Australia with each other and their city dwelling sisters.

We have discussed the challenges of living in both settings, yet a strong message always comes through during the meetings. The need for all of us to establish and maintain social connection with other lesbians no matter where we live. So far, we have had women join the group from South Australia, Northern NSW, Sydney, the Central Coast of NSW and the east coast of Tasmania and places in between. Isolation, especially now during the last 2 years coping with the Corona virus disease (COVID -19) pandemic, increasingly results in disconnection and separation from other lesbians.

Books that we discussed and recommended for various reasons:

*** Beat Your Breasts: A Memoir by Sue Edmonds.** Self-published in Nimbin NSW, 2021 **Orders:** Email Sue & she'll send it to you with invoice

- edmondssue77@gmail.com

The title reflects the eponymous women's band she & others formed in Hobart in the late 1970s.

A great read about Sue's political activism in Hobart, Melbourne, the Illawarra, Nimbin & more! Remember her as MC of the 1991 famous lesbian concert in Sydney Opera House & before that at the South Coast Women's Music festival when boys threw a bomb into the concert! Lots of photos. It's herstorical. (*Look out for Lavender's review of Beat Your Breast in our next issue.)

Not Dead Yet: Feminism, Passion and Women's Liberation, Renata Klein & Susan Hawthorns (eds), Spinifex Press, Geelong & Mission Beach, 2021

<https://www.spinifexpress.com.au/shop/p/9781925950328>

Chapters from 56 feminists aged 70 & over - includes Denise Thompson, Sheila Jeffreys, Diane Bell, Betty McLellan and Lavender - talking about our politics and working to change the world.

"The Golden Thread: How Fabric Changed History" by Kassia St Clair.2019

We have chatted and discussed a wide variety of topics so far.

The joys and challenges of where we live.
The differences between rural, regional and city living.

Why we chose to live where we live. Or maybe it was through necessity? A relationship ending, changing financial circumstances and health and welfare concerns.

Former lesbian groups and organisations and the changing dynamics and social “norms” that have changed over the decades.

Feminism. It’s definition, as stated in the Macquarie dictionary: “the principle that women deserve the same rights and opportunities as men”, has become more complex and overlaid with many different political/social interpretations.

We chatted about Alix Dobkin 16/08/1940 – 19/05/2021. An American singer/songwriter and lesbian feminist activist. Amongst her many songs she wrote: “Lesbian Code” which was a list of all the names/codes that she had collected on her world-wide travels that lesbians used to identify and name their own.

The problems around social media and how it is fraught with intolerance and a space that is not necessarily private and protected.

The need for online platforms that provide that space. Some examples that could do that are:

Meetup: as taken from their website: “Whatever you’re looking to do this year, Meetup can help. For 20 years, people have turned to Meetup to meet people, make friends, find support, grow a business, and explore their interests. Thousands of events are happening every day—join the fun.” It might be of interest to look it up.

Another potential place of connection was discussed is a group for women, not exclusively lesbians. Women Welcome Women World-wide (5W) is a unique women's international friendship and travel network. It was founded by Frances Alexander in 1984, in the United Kingdom. Her idea was to foster international friendship, by enabling women to visit one another in their own homes. It started in Europe; but just as friendship knows no boundaries, there are now members in every continent except Antarctica. This year, 2009, celebrates 25 years of that friendship around the world. (Taken from website).

Rolling Solo is another group for women. From their website: We love travelling in Australia and our community makes it easy to connect safely online with other women interested in road trips, camping, social get-togethers and travelling Australia too.

Another group mentioned is Van Dykes. As quoted from “Out in Perth” 2018. Van Dykes is a light-hearted and fun group where we can support each other on the road, as well have opportunities to meet up and find people who have similar interests to see some of this amazing country together. And it is about community, there is no doubt about it. It seems that it has also been a place for relationships to begin too.

Mighty Networks is another platform that was mentioned. From its website; “Mighty Networks unlocks a new era of independent communities creating and mastering something interesting or important together.” This platform could offer a more protected space for groups as it is invite only. It might be worth a look.

Australian Lesbian Medical Association ALMA was also mentioned. This is a more specific group aiming to provide a safe, inclusive community for our members, providing support to members as they navigate their medical careers.

These groups / websites are not necessarily supported or endorsed by Ten Forty. These are suggestions taken from our informal CLA Zoom event.

It was also mentioned that Robyn Archer will be performing in Melbourne and Brisbane this year. See her website <http://robynarcher.com>

My first encounter with Robyn Archer was in Nimbin in the Northern Rivers area of NSW in the late 1970's. My sister was studying to be a teacher at the then Lismore Teachers College and I would catch a train to visit her during my school holidays. One of the many eye-opening experiences for me as a mid-teen was Robyn Archer performing at Nimbin the song Menstruation Blues and shock, horror for me, if my memory proves correct, she told us she was menstruating even as she sang. I didn't quite know what to do with that strong impression at the time, yet Robyn had obviously piqued my interest.

Other things we touched on were the subjects: radical lesbian feminism, transgender/transsexual, rise of the religious right.

So, as you can see we have had truly wide ranging and vibrant discussions since the group began. The Zoom meetings are arranged for meeting up every two months.

If you would like to get reminders about the next meeting and other information, please go onto the Olderdykes website:

<https://olderdykes.org>. You may like to subscribe to the Newsletter or get on our email list. You will find lots of different information about events, Zoom meetings, and social outings.

I'm already looking forward to our next Zoom meeting in March. 2022.

Julie

Speaking Personally Dyke Books Inc 2021 Review

Having formally launched Pearlie McNeill's new book 'Speaking Personally', I want to declare not a conflict - but a confluence - of interest. The book brings together a common history of feminism and the women's movement, a personal journey into various form of creativity and a shared empathy towards the many women and girls who have overcome appalling childhoods and found the strength to survive.

The book is the third in an autobiographical trilogy. Each has a quite different style but all dig deep into Pearlie's personal life to reveal the violence and harshness of her upbringing

and her determination to rise above it to become the much-admired person and writer that she is today.

Early in the book when Pearlie is enduring the brutal and unpredictable behaviour of her violent father and the hurt inflicted by her difficult and punitive mother, she writes of her determination not to be 'crushed' by her horrific childhood and never to crush others. Far from being crushed, she overcomes her vulnerability and embarks on a life far beyond the one that might have been her destiny. On her way she devotes much of her life to bringing care and strength to others. It is a testament to her generosity that she eventually comes to see her mother with both sadness and compassion.

The book is, as Pearlie describes it, a combination of genres. We are treated to prose, poetry and memoir, interwoven in a most personal way. The descriptions of her early life are visceral; you can feel the pain that Pearlie and her siblings endure. Equally impressive is her telling of the tale of Meg, her 'darling woman' with the beautiful hands and expressive gestures, from whom she learned so much and whose death she also endured. The language of the book changes when her life with Meg is explored. It is gentler, joyous and finally sorrowful.

In between these two major areas of exploration is the telling of a full and eventful life - in both Australia and in the UK. There is a delightful journey into lesbianism; travels to different countries; adventures with not one but two kombi vans. There is a 'personal is political' history of the early emergence of second wave feminism in Australia. There are tales of her siblings who did not manage to live the life well-lived, as Pearlie has done. The violence inflicted on all of them as children, plays out in different ways. All of them dealt with shame and trauma. Only Pearlie seems to have emerged from the ongoing damage, to create new and valued families and friends and to summon the courage to record her life in the printed word.

The story is engrossing, touching and eminently readable. It is a tale of risks taken, of joys and disappointments. Ultimately, it is both a passionate love story and a feminist tale for our times.

Lynne Spender
November 2021

**Report of the Book Launch of
Speaking Personally
Written by Pearlie McNeill
Sunday 21 November 2021
at The Older Women's Network,
Victoria Street, Newtown**

Pearlie McNeill has spent many years teaching creative writing. She is also a writer with many book titles to her name. Pearlie was busy writing during the prolonged lockdown in 2021 and completed the third book in her autobiographical trilogy, *Speaking Personally*. This book can be read alone as can each of the books in the trilogy.

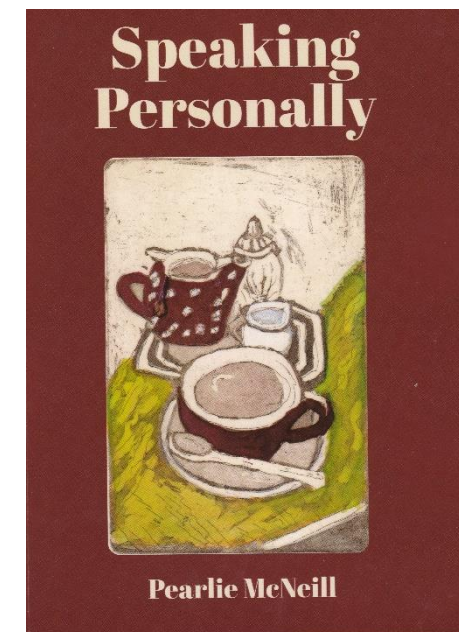
Pearlie has written about the issues of life, death, risks taken lessons learnt, love found, and intimate passionate, revealing, lesbian love. Pearlie reveals in the book how a young girl struggles with the deprivations of poverty and a dysfunctional family and becomes the strong woman she is today.

It is not surprising that over 40 people, mostly women, turned up to celebrate the launch of *Personally Speaking*, The book was officially launched by the feminist writer and researcher Lynne Spender. She knows Pearlie well and lauded her writing and her work as a feminist activist.

Pearlie's daughter, Kate, was kept busy selling books. She was heavily pregnant and recently gave birth to a baby girl, making Pearlie a grandmother again.

Books cost \$29.95 and are available from:
Pearlie McNeill
P.O. Box 188
Canterbury 2193
(Other books by Pearlie McNeill are available in many libraries).

Sylvia



We thought the following might be of interest to our readers. Thank you, Lavender, for setting this up for us.

Pearlie

Inclusive language risks dehumanising women, top researchers argue Smh_2022.01.29.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/inclusive-language-risks-dehumanising-women-top-researchers-argue-20220126-p59red.html>

By [Wendy Tuohy](#)

SMH, January 29, 2022

Replacing words like “women” and “mothers” with terms like “birth-givers” and “pregnant people” in research risks dehumanising women and would harm decades of work to improve the visibility of women in medical literature.

That is the conclusion of 10 prominent women’s health researchers from Australia, the US, Europe and Asia who will argue in a paper published next week that replacing words like “breastfeeding” with terms such as “lactating parents” risks “reducing protection of the mother-infant [bond]” and [self] are not synonymous but are being treated as if they are.”

“disembodying and undermining breastfeeding”.

An international group of women’s health experts argues removing ‘women’ from maternity literature and information risks harming protection of the mother-baby bond

The authors acknowledge words are changing to ensure inclusion of those who give birth but do not identify as women, but they argue against removing references to the sex of mothers in research and medical information.

“Desexing the language of female reproduction has been done with a view to being sensitive to individual needs and as beneficial, kind, and inclusive,” they write in the paper. “Yet, this kindness has delivered unintended consequences that have serious implications for women and children.”

Official changes to terminology to be more inclusive of trans people has become a contentious issue in Australia and overseas. The paper acknowledges that “the penalty for non-conformity with gender roles can be high”.

Governments and institutions are grappling with how to approach gender terminology. *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald* can reveal that a Federal Health Department guide for pregnant and breastfeeding women regarding COVID-19 vaccination and its impact on pregnant women was edited last year to remove the term “women”, introducing errors

into the scientific accuracy of the material in the process.

The source information compared disease severity of COVID in pregnant women with non-pregnant women, but when the department removed the word “women” it compared “pregnant people” with “non-pregnant people”, changing the meaning to incorrectly include men.

The department released three versions of the document, the last of which reinstated the word “women”. A spokesperson for the department said the updated guidance was published following clarification of advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation and was approved by the department.

A co-author of the new paper and former president of the Australian College of Midwives, Jenny Gamble, a midwifery professor at the UK-based Centre for Care Excellence for Coventry University and the university hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire, said sex-based language “is important due to sex-based oppression”.

“Confusing the idea of gender identity and the reality of sex risks adverse health consequences and deeper and more insidious discrimination against women,” she said. “Sex [a reproductive category], gender [a societal role], and gender identity [an inner sense of

“The trend to erase the use of the term women or redefine it has started to sweep the world.”

Midwifery professor Jenny Gamble

“Pregnancy, birth and early motherhood are fundamentally sexed issues, not gendered. Pregnant and birthing women and new mothers and their infants have unique vulnerabilities and also require protection.”

Researchers have lamented the exclusion of women from medical research for decades and researchers have campaigns for more biologically targeted research to understand the difference between the sexes.

Professor Gamble said the trend of erasing or redefining the term “women” had started to sweep the world and that “coming from Australia it seems that the way the UK has moved to erase the use of sexed language has been rapid and extreme”.

Inclusive birthing language

Sexed terms and some of their replacement desexed terms...

Transgender spokespeople say inclusion can be achieved without erasing the term women. Advocate and co-founder of Transgender Victoria, Sally Goldner, said it was possible to represent everyone who gives birth and feeds infants, including those from diverse cultural and linguistic

backgrounds, who may also require customised information.

“It’s important that we represent everyone.

The ‘standard cis-gender woman’ will still be able to get the messages, but then we can add in the messages we need for other groups in terms of breastfeeding/chestfeeding and giving birth,” she said.

“I think there are ways we can do it and include everyone, and make [information] comprehensive, accessible and inclusive,” she said.

“It’s really important each group gets consulted and has a sense of ownership; it’s just about listening to people so the resources are there.” The paper supports this approach.

The term “cis-gender” applies to people whose gender identity fits expectations given their biological sex.

Teddy Cook of ACON, Australia’s biggest LGBTQ health organisation, said: “While the language is changing or emerging, what we’re actually doing is taking courageous steps to be inclusive and affirming with populations who are highly marginalised, highly vulnerable and shouldering a burden of poor health no one in this country deserves.”

He endorsed the use of language such as “pregnant women and people”.

The LGBTQ parenting support group, Rainbow Families, Transgender Victoria and

the Royal Women’s Hospital were contacted for this article. A hospital spokeswoman said it was not in a position to comment.

The authors of the paper, *Effective communication about pregnancy, birth, lactation, breastfeeding and newborn care: the importance of sexed language*, due to be published in the journal Frontiers in Global Women’s Health, include breastfeeding researcher Associate Professor Karleen Gribble of the University of Western Sydney, obstetrician Professor Susan Bewley, of King’s College London and breastfeeding and health researcher, Assistant Professor Melissa Bartick of Harvard Medical school.

They stress that some use of desexed words is appropriate, especially when dealing one-to-one with people who prefer it: “And we fully endorse the importance of being inclusive and respectful”.

“For those who are pregnant, birthing, and breastfeeding but who do not identify as women, the individual’s preferred terminology for themselves and their body parts should be used wherever possible,” they say.

As debate about gender terminology escalated in 2021, the Australian Breastfeeding Association was criticised for producing a tailored booklet on feeding for transgender parents in 2021, including the term “chestfeeding”.

The right to breastfeed or chestfeed at work was enshrined in Victorian law last year.

In late 2021, when the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists published an article titled *Those birthing people - they're women*, by the Melbourne University political philosopher [Holly Lawford-Smith](#) in an *O&G* magazine edition on language in women's health, the article was taken down within a day.

In the now-archived article, Dr Lawford-Smith, who describes herself as a gender-critical feminist, argued "considerations against gender-neutral language for female-specific health issues include the history of struggle for women's representation in language, which our feminist foremothers fought hard to win".

Dr Lawford-Smith has been labelled a TERF – or trans-exclusionary radical feminist – by critics of her views.

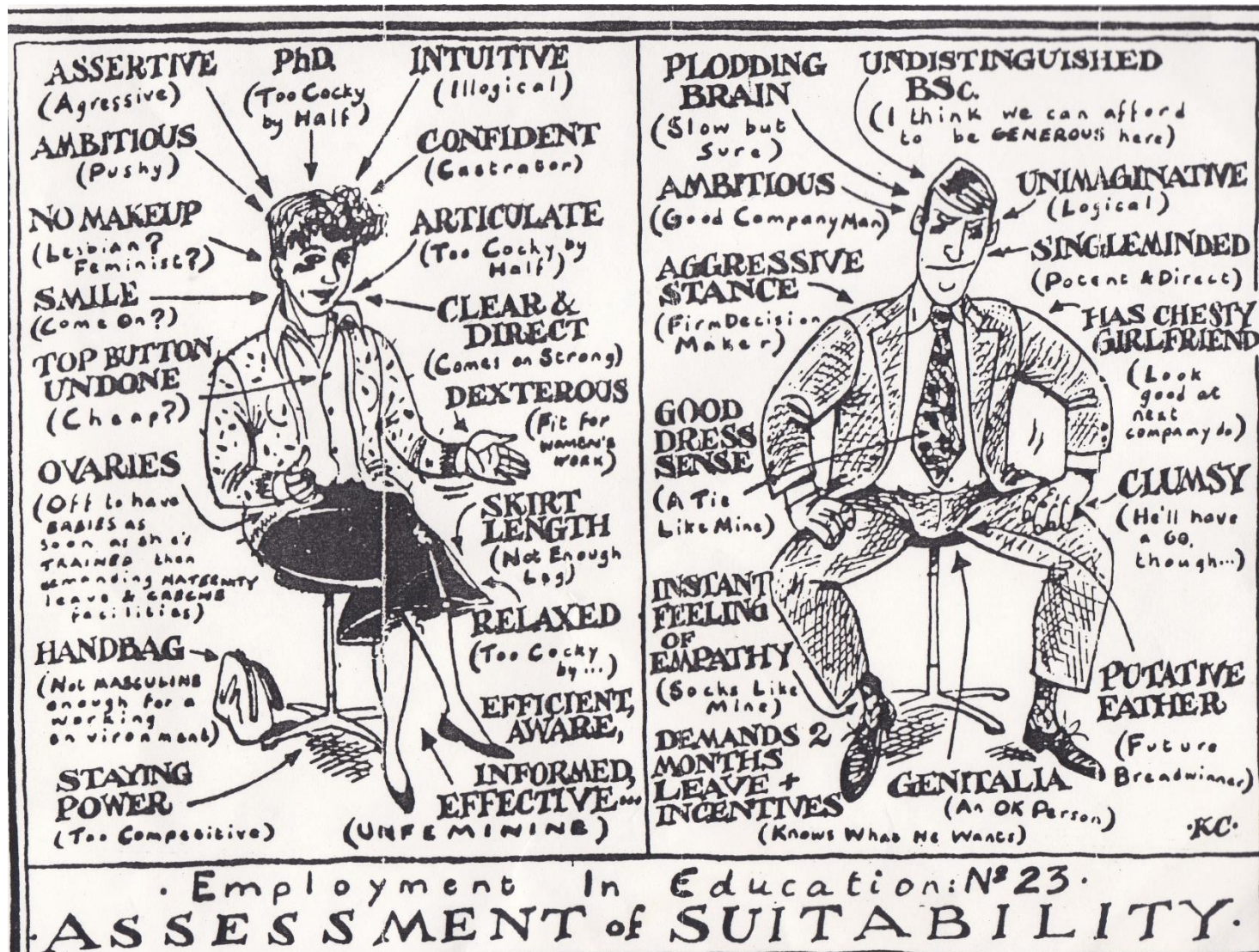
A RANZCOG spokesperson said an editorial in the same magazine stated, "the most appropriate language to use is, as always, an ongoing conversation."

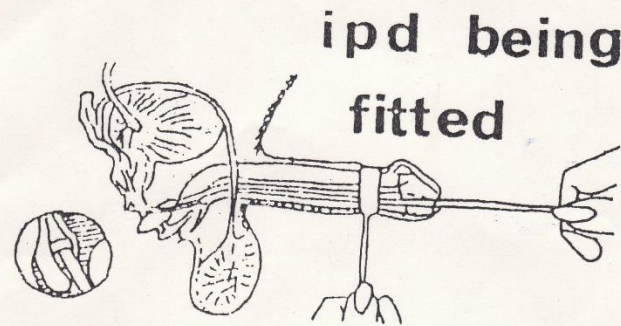
The organisation – which confirmed Holly Lawford-Smith's article is no longer up – agrees with the researchers' opinion that "it is a continuing challenge to apply language in a way that is clear, concise and preserves the dignity of all people being described."

Associate Professor Gribble said she noticed sex-specific language starting to be phased out four years ago, when she was writing a paper on lactation and "someone suggested I not use the word 'mother'."



Something from the Past. You might remember these from the 1970s





The newest development in male contraception was unveiled recently at the American Women's Surgical Symposium held at the Ann Arbor Medical Center. Dr. Sophie Merkin of the Merkin Clinic, announced the preliminary findings of a study conducted on 763 unsuspecting male undergraduate students at a large midwest university. In her report, Dr. Merkin stated that the new contraceptive - the IPD - was a breakthrough in male contraception. It will be marketed under the trade-name "Umbrelly".

The IPD (intrapenile device) resembles a tiny folded umbrella which is inserted through the head of the penis and pushed into the scrotum with a plunger-like instrument. Occasionally there is perforation of the scrotum but this is disregarded since it is known that the male has few nerve endings in this area of his body. The underside of the umbrella contains a spermicidal jelly, hence the name "Umbrelly".

Experiments on 1000 white whales from the continental shelf (whose sexual apparatus is said to be closest to man's) proved the umbrelly to be 100% effective in preventing production of sperm, and eminently satisfactory to the female whale since it does not interfere with her rutting pleasure.

Dr. Merkin declared the umbrelly to be statistically safe for the human male. She reported that of the 763 graduate students tested with the device only two died of scrotal infection, only 20 experienced swelling of the tissues, 3 developed cancer of the testicles, and 13 were too depressed to have an erection. She stated that common complaints ranged from cramp and bleeding to acute abdominal pain. She emphasized that these symptoms were merely indications that the man's body had not yet adjusted to the device. Hopefully the symptoms would disappear within a year.

One complication caused by the IPD and briefly mentioned by Dr. Merkin was the incidence of massive scrotal infection necessitating the surgical removal of the testicles. "But this is a rare case", said Merkin "too rare to be statistically important." She and other distinguished members of the Women's College of Surgeons agreed that the benefits far outweighed the risk to any individual man.

Letters to the Editor

We are starting a new section. We would love to hear from you.

Dear Editor: What is the point of Ten Forty?

I have been involved with Ten Forty, one way and another for 35 years since 1987 when the first conference was held. The aim then was to unite older women who were feminists: 10 years of feminism, and 40 years of age. Over time it became obvious that most of the prime movers were lesbians and so the organization swung in that direction. Back then most of us were in the closet to some degree but Ten Forty was swept along by the activism of gay rights although we were wary of collaboration with gay men.

Over the years we have been involved with marches, Mardi Gras, many conferences including those with women from other states and a variety of political and social events.

We avoided the formality of being an incorporated association until 2014 when one of our members, Julie Hacker, left us a bequest of \$45,000 approx. and Dorothy Cora and I knew that it was too much money for our casual organization to manage so we rapidly organized the Ten Forty Incorporation.

While this meant we had to have a formal structure, committee etc it also meant we could apply for grants. As we have some able submission writers among us, we have been very successful and have added to our coffers, aided by a large bequest from Dorothy. We seem to be the only lesbian organization in the state to have this status and with a good track record for completing our projects, we are in a good position to get more funds.

And in 2001 we were funded by Ten Forty to set up our own website:

www.olderdykes.org which has been funded for a number of upgrades. One unexpected byproduct of this was the Contact email list which has been essential to informing us about what's on and keeping us in touch with each other. We also have a Facebook page. Contact has also been essential as a basis for Zoom sessions which have been much used during the pandemic.

BUT WHAT NOW? So much has changed: lesbians can find each other via various social media, and the face of modern feminism is very different.

Are our services still needed? By the enthusiasm with which our camps and events are greeted the answer seems to be yes.

BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM: our Committee which works very hard is about to lose some important members to illness and relocation: we need another Secretary and some more

committee members ASAP. And women with IT skills are always welcome. And the Committee is fun, not just hard work. At present we are meeting by Zoom and so working from home is an option. We would love to hear your thoughts on the future of Ten Forty and willing committee members should send us a message via Contact.

Cheers, Jan Aitkin

Thank you for your fabulous November Newsletter.

There were so many interesting articles, reviews, reports of Ten Forty activities and information about upcoming events that my Covid induced depression lifted.

I went to the "Big Picnic" In December thanks to your promotion. It was a joyous occasion, with about 60 women joining in the lunch and festivities. I was relieved that your team had implemented a Covid-safe plan. Will you put on another event like this in 2022? I hope so. It was a chance to meet up with old friends and meet new friends. No wonder my depression lifted!

CF . A proud Lesbian

The Newsletter

We, Diann and Pearlie, hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter.

Please keep giving us your feedback and let us know topics of interest you feel need to be shared in the newsletter.

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About Ten Forty and Older Dykes

The first national conference of Ten Forty in the mid-eighties attracted politically active feminists of all hues and sexualities. Over time it became obvious that a huge majority of women attending follow-up meetings and activities in Sydney were lesbian feminists. Today Ten Forty and Older Dykes refer to the same group of women. We enjoy discussion on the issues we face in work, life and at home, and hold regular fun events to keep us in touch with the lighter side of life. Our website <http://www.olderdykes.org> encourages national and international connections between older lesbians. Ten Forty is not an organisation you have to join, though members do get some discounts. If you want to receive regular information about our activities and our bi-monthly newsletter, visit our website and put yourself on our email list.

Newsletter

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