

Art for autism

A clubhouse is being set up in Churchill Avenue, Subiaco, as a place where adults with autism can meet and make friends, use computers or learn new skills.

But before the Autism Association can open the club it needs some finishing touches, including furniture and computers.

To help to raise funds, Helen Norton and the Norton Gallery have teamed up with the association to hold an art auction.

Russell Thomas, from the Autism Association, said: "Artwork to the value of \$26,000 has been donated by Helen Norton as well as other art items.

"One hundred per cent of the money raised in the auction as well as 10% of all other gallery sales during the ticket event will go towards fitting out the clubhouse with computers and furniture, making it a great place to be for those with autism."

In total some 16 artworks will be auctioned at the gallery on South Terrace, South Fremantle, on Saturday, April 28, at the ticket-only event.

There will also be spot prizes, art raffles, live entertainment, canapés and drinks.

For information and tickets (\$35) go to www.autism.org.au.



Helen Norton, left, and the Norton Gallery are offering their talent to help Russell Thomas and the team at Autism Association to set up a clubhouse for adults with autism.

Living the music dream

The search begins on May 14 for aspiring young musicians to join the Australian Youth Orchestra (AYO).

For any young orchestral musician, being part of the internationally recognised AYO is the epitome of achievement.

Successful applicants have the opportunity to work with some of the world's leading conductors, tutors, industry professionals and musicians, perform at world-class venues and festivals, and take part in both national and international tours.

Next year the orchestra will tour with conductor Christoph Eschenbach and Grammy Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell.

Last year, more than 1200 young musicians applied for 220 places.

Auditions are open for musicians aged 12 to 30 who meet the eligibility criteria.

For more information, visit www.ayo.com.au.

Small stage for new talent

The musos and organisers at Earthwise in Subiaco are looking for enthusiastic participants and listeners.

Outback music coordinator at Earthwise, Graeme Worth, said: "If you dabble in a bit of back room guitar or fancy yourself singing beyond the shower, Outback music may be your place."

The venue is small with amplification if required. A piano and a drum kit are there and others can always assist with back up.

Graeme said Outback was a warm, friendly venue to try out your talents on an appreciative audience, have a jam or just to be in the audience.

Outback music is on the first Friday of each month, from 8 till late, at Earthwise 315 Bagot Road (rear of old pink church).

Entry is free with a meal and fancy coffee available for a small cost.

For more information, call Graeme on 9341 5211.

Club reaches double figures

The Rotary Club of Western Endeavour will turn 10 in May and will mark its birthday with a cocktail party at the Mounts Bay Sailing Club.

Rotary president John Boxall and incoming president Judy Dinnison are welcoming past, present and potential club members to the party from 6.30 to 9.30pm on Friday, May 11.

The club raises funds for local and international communities, and makes regular donations to the Cancer Council, Balga Senior High School student activities

and to orphanages in Indonesia and Kenya.

In 2006-07, it held the Guinness Book of Records record for the world's biggest quiz.

The club meets at the Mounts Bay Sailing Club each Tuesday at 7.15am for breakfast and presentations on a range of topics.

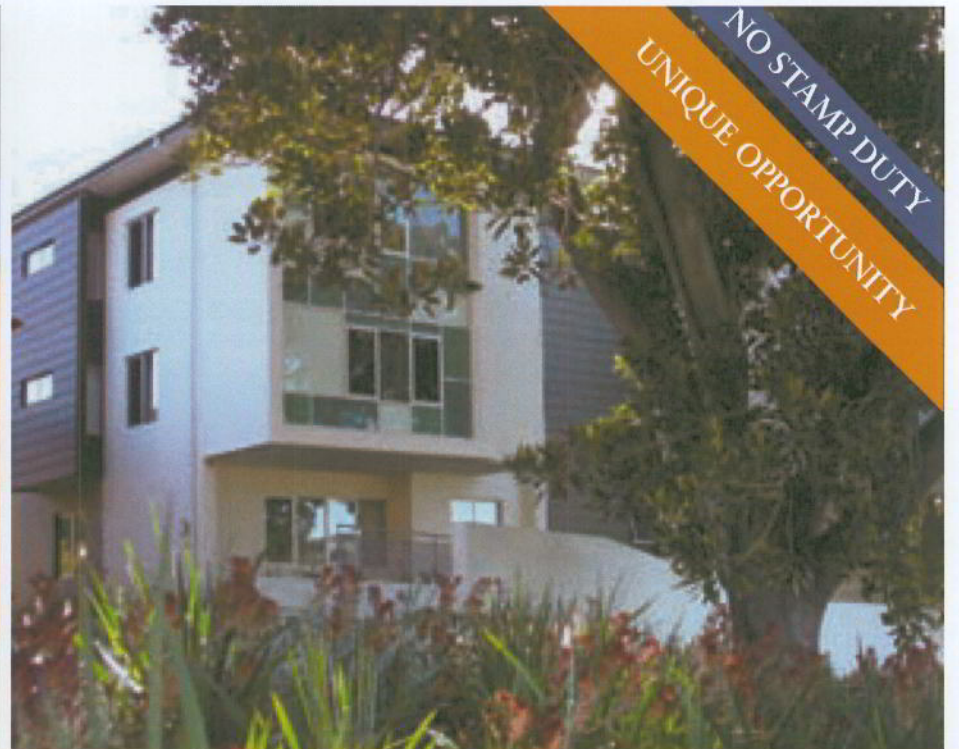
Anybody interested in attending the 10th anniversary celebrations or a regular Tuesday morning meeting can contact Judy Dinnison by emailing judydinnison@gmail.com.

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