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## THE UTHANDO PROJECT *Newsletter*

### OCTOBER 2012 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

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Hello to all Western Australian dollmakers and Uthando supporters,

This newsletter is very brief; is mainly local news and brings good tidings.

I apologise for there being no pictures of the dolls which we have sent to Durban yesterday and which have been in the packing process as they have come in since May. This is simply a letter letting you know recent news and what you might like to join in over the next two months.

We have begun work with Natalija Brunovs on the new website. This has been facilitated by a much appreciated grant from LotteryWest. If you have any Uthando type pics or stories for the website, please send in to us.

**So, 41 bags of absolutely wonderful dolls, balls, animals, handpuppets, doll's wraps and children's bags came to a total of 1730!**

It is useful to see who will receive these dolls via TREE in KZN. **TREE, with 900 dolls**, uses the majority of dolls for their 0 - 5 year olds, The **Sizabantwana group of aligned and mutually supportive staff from 45 schools receive 500** for their classrooms and vulnerable children. This means that 500 WA school students have made these dolls. **Lifeline and Rape Crisis Centres receive 230 dolls** with bags for the children under their care. Most of their dolls came from our remarkable Bunbury and Albany Uthando dollmakers. These dolls are tender, beautifully made and with full accessories to give comfort and play to distressed children. **Family Literacy, 60** dolls for their groups and finally, for **dlalanathi 40** large dolls, many hand puppets and assorted items to put into the dollmaking kits which they now make for themselves.

Give yourself a round of applause for being part of such a potential- rich outcome for so many children.

The [Ugandan Pearls event at the Midland Junction Arts Centre](#) has been indefinitely postponed.

The **KALAMUNDA ZIGZAG FESTIVAL is on Sunday October 28th**. Uthando will be there in strength for children to dress the dolls and illustrate dolls' bags. We will also create a doll display and have our book, pattern posters and kits for sale.

Our amazing Hon Treasurer, Lis Hansen, writes that since July 1, 2012, we have raised \$2840 from books, \$4930 from kits and \$1116 from donations. These figures are marvellous and speak for themselves. If we can maintain such sales we will achieve our annual goal of \$30,000 for dlalanathi and be able to cover freight and other costs. Keep on promoting our kits and book!

For the Zigzag Festival, we need loads of "naked" dolls with finished faces and hair, with separate and extra clothing. Either deliver to 2 Healey Place, Gooseberry Hill or bring on the day. Then they can be used again for our next exciting event.....a

**GARDEN PARTY at the home of Di and Ken Cunningham**, on the following **Sunday**

**November 4th.** All are welcome to this generous, lovely garden, any time from 10am to finish at 4pm.

Parking is no problem and there is ample seating to simply enjoy the day, so it will suit young and old.

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Activities will begin from 11am (doll dressing for young and old, knitting doll's clothes, or simply strolling through the levels of the garden soaking in the wide view of the city). Sausage sizzle lunch starts at 11.30 until 1.30, with Devonshire afternoon teas with fresh homemade scones and jams from 2.30 - 3.30pm. Rebecca Hooper, an accomplished violinist, will play from 1.45. There is a veritable mountain of furnishing fabrics, high quality, heavy and light, to raise funds @ \$1 per metre. A Treasure Table of sale items, including a rare opportunity to buy some Uthando dolls made specially to sell at the Garden Party. We will display Uthando dolls to show your friends who may not yet know the project. To enjoy all this in a ravishing setting will cost \$10 entry fee which covers lunch and afternoon tea. Tea and coffee will be available from 10am.

We hope you can come simply to enjoy the day. If you can lend a hand, even better. Would you like to RSVP to Georgia Efford, preferably by email on [georgia1@iinet.net.au](mailto:georgia1@iinet.net.au) to make catering more accurate.

To each dollmaker, thank you for being part of Uthando. You deserve to play at the Zigzag or the Garden Party or both.

Love from Georgia and the Friday Team, who keep the engine fueled.

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