

Well Womens Centre turns 21

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THE Hedland Well Women's Centre said hello to its 21st year and farewell to its much-loved manager, Janet Brown, last Monday.

The centre's 21st birthday celebrations were an opportunity to publicly acknowledge Janet's incredible contribution to the centre over the past 10 years.

At the party, Home Away from Home, a special book about the wonderful women of Hedland, was launched.

The project was in partnership with FORM and the Courthouse Gallery.

Like any good 21st birthday party, it was an emotionally-charged

event as various women associated with the centre spoke about Janet's powerful and positive influence on the lives of local women.

The centre's "chief goddess", Lisa Bowen, said Janet would be most fondly remembered for her natural ability to nurture those around her.

"Janet made the Well Women's Centre a haven for women in town. She nurtured women in crisis and those who were lonely, and gave them the tools to grow," Lisa said.

Janet praised her staff and the Town of Port Hedland for their effort, and made special mention of BHP Billiton for its help in pro-

moting women's health – an issue close to Janet's heart.

The Well Women's Centre was also presented with a \$20,000 cheque from the Rotary Club, and Janet's husband Clive was acknowledged for his support and patience over the years.

It was then time to cut the cake, which Janet did with gusto before the Home Away from Home book was officially launched and copies were handed out.

After that, guests continued to party while enjoying food and drinks supplied by the Last Chance Tavern and sponsored by Jan Ford Real Estate.

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Glenda Greene and Maryjane Coates.



Mayor Kelly Howlett and Janet launch the book Home Away from Home.



Rotary Club president Howard Clancy presents WWC chairwoman Lisa Bowen with a \$20,000 cheque.



Belinda Fox of BHP Billiton.



WWC manager Janet Brown blows out the candles on the centre's 21st birthday cake.



WWC manager Janet Brown and board member Victoria Shorter.



Members of the WWC's board.



Loren Bryant, Sarah Davison and Jodie Hatley.