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The 100 women recognised by BPW Joondalup on the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. Picture: Alana Blowfield

Womanhood celebrated

BUSINESS and Professional Women (BPW) Joondalup marked the centenary of International Women's Day by inviting 100 professional women to breakfast last Tuesday, March 8.

Their guests, including senior managers and business owners, took part in a centenary photograph before the meal at West Coast Institute of Training.

"This was the first such

breakfast we have held but I doubt that it will be our last as everyone really enjoyed it," BPW member Nicky Badman said. "There was a nice buzz as people met each other.

"We celebrated the diversity of women and their work and the contribution they make to Joondalup's economic and social fabric"

Joondalup MLA Tony O'Gor-

man, Joondalup Learning Precinct, Joondalup Health Campus, Joondalup Resort and Venues West Arena Joondalup were among supporters of the breakfast attended by about 140 people.

BPW Joondalup next meets on Tuesday, April 12, at Joondalup Reception Centre. Call Nicky on 0403 237 201.

Margaret Price



Alison Cook, Simon Fiocco Wood, Trish Williams and Bernadette Yeo. d351166



Sue Eldridge, Shirley Howard, Kathe-Evy Turner and Liz Stanley.



Sophie Bassi, Shelley Withers and Fran Edmeades.



Deb Saville, Nicky Badman and Julia Cattalini. Pictures: Bruce Hunt

Equality is way ahead

MORE than 150 women celebrated the centenary of International Women's Day with a garden party at Women's Healthworks (WHW) last Tuesday, March

They enjoyed tai chi with Sophie Chaligne and her students and items by the WHW Community Choir led by Margaret Patullo.

There was a shared lunch under umbrellas, including a scrumptious cake by Sugar and Spice Patisserie in Joondalup.

WHW executive director Mandy Stringer said that while there had been many victories for women's rights in the past 100 years, there was still much to do.

"It is imperative that we encourage and support more women to enter leadership roles within our community," she said.

"It has been demonstrated time and time again that having more women in leadership positions assists in addressing the inequalities that still remain between men and women."

Ms Stringer thanked those women who took part in the event and the Department for Communities for its support.

"We hope the 2011 centenary provides a unique and global opportunity to reignite, inspire and channel women's equality for the future," she said.