

Home Tutors Gather in Alice



The govies enjoying a night out kindly organised by Danyelle Haigh

During the first week of April The Alice Springs School of the Air (ASSOA) organised a weeks worth of professional development for home tutors and parents. They sourced presenters, experts and literacy professionals from around the state to ensure that the week was well worth the many kilometres travelled to get there.

The ‘Desert Poppies’ kicked off the week with a phenomenal social event which allowed families to relax and socialise. As someone new to the area, I found it immensely beneficial to meet so many new people, all living quite diverse, yet similar, lifestyles. Although the focus of the event was socialising, there was also the chance to meet with the founder of the the Remote and Isolated Support in Education organisation (RAISE). RAISEducation is a non-for-profit organisation Kylie Jones started in 2020. It aims to improve educational outcomes for students in remote and isolated areas by providing individualised learning programs which complement programs from the distance education providers.

There is something so empowering about a group of women coming together. I am not sure if it is the collective energy of creativity or the fire in their bellies or a combination of both

that left me feeling in awe of the women living in remote and isolated areas.

The 2022 Home Tutor conference saw over 30 women come from across the Northern Territory, South Australia, and even Queensland, to hear the theories behind learning and provide feedback about the realities of working remotely. Home Tutors found themselves engaged in workshops associated with networking and developing skills around the curriculum concepts they are teaching to assist in their role of home tutor in the schoolroom.

The Thursday night saw the governesses let their hair down and enjoy a lovely evening at the The Juicy Rump. There was lots of chatting, sharing of stories and getting to know each other.

It was a jam packed week for all with ICPA meetings, Inschool and a playgroup coordinated by RAISE. A massive credit to all those involved.

Deri Singleton.

Below: Deri Singleton and Lilyanne Corke enjoying the sunset at the Govies’ Dinner

