

Special Young Single Latter-day Saint fireside was recently held in Perth Australia, to honour a local Member of Parliament, Dr Janet Woollard MLA, for attempting to stop the legalization of prostitution in Western Australia.

Dr Woollard was presented with a “Standing for Something” award by President Lekias of the Warwick Stake. Although the bill was passed by the Parliament, Dr Woollard was instrumental in preventing brothels from being established in residential areas.



Individuals (left to right): Stephanie Rogalski, Dr Janet Woollard MLA, President Paul Lekias (Stake President of the Warwick Stake), and Mayor John Kelly (City of Joondalup).

A fireside, to most members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is a gathering in the evening to hear a motivational speaker or listen to a musical programme. When Dr. Woollard accepted the invitation to a fireside she assumed it would be a gathering around the fire side and dressed accordingly. She was in good humour when she saw everyone else in their Sunday best.



YSAs in the recreation hall of the Warwick chapel after the event, 11 October 2009. Seven young Perth Latter-day Saints went to Australia’s Parliament in March this year to meet with senior Australian politicians. Read the story [here](#).

Latter-day Saints, like other congregations, have a unique language. They may invite someone to a stake centre for a meeting and their guest come hungry for a STEAK dinner. A congregation, called a ward in LDS culture, may denote to some a division in a prison or a hospital.

This is a good example for all cultures and groups to be careful when communicating distinctive idioms with other audiences. Although Dr. Woollard did not bring marshmallows to the fireside, it is most fortunate for the Young Single Adult group in Perth that their local Parliamentary member brought her sense of humour.