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The Pilbara Development Commission hosted over 100 women at the latest Pilbara Women's Forum at the Icon Restaurant in Karratha on Wednesday 16 September 2009.

The day's program showcased the depth of character and experience in the region by including three local women as guest speakers.

Colette McEntee, Manager of the Walkington Theatre, kicked off proceedings with an entertaining presentation on her travels from the UK to the Pilbara. Collette had the audience in fits of laughter as she told her stories from running theatres in Britain to some of her more interesting experiences in Karratha.

Gabby Millgate, from ABC Northwest Radio enthralled the delegates with a glimpse of the movie star world and capped off her presentation with a couple of songs including her tribute to the Logies and an Andrews Sisters medley with Tangorai Hinaki also from ABC Northwest Radio, and member of the newly formed trio BeeGeesLouise.

Julie Pope, President of the Karratha and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry, inspired the audience with her honesty and sharing of her high times, low times and achievements, of which there have been many. There were a few tears shed and also a lot of hilarity as Julie recalled the struggles of managing a longed for career in the Australian Defense Force whilst raising her child single handedly.

"The Karratha Women's Forum was a resounding success with over 100 local women attending the event," the CEO of the Commission, Mr Stephen Webster said. "The audience feedback was extremely positive and the Commission looks forward to hosting another similar event in the future" he said.

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