



**perspectives** | coral jones, 70, and norman campbell, 72, pole dancers

## Pole position

**Coral:** We both present shows on Kalamunda Community Radio. One of our presenters here, who does interviews with interesting people, got on to Britt and the pole dancing. Britt is a co-owner of She Moves. They asked for volunteers to try the pole dancing and four of us said yes but two took one look at the poles and chickened out.

**Norman:** One grabbed a microphone and the other just disappeared. They hijacked us into it. We're the geriatric pole dancers. We leap out of our chairs, grab our Zimmer frames and race across to the poles!

**C:** It's sort of sexual in a way, isn't it?

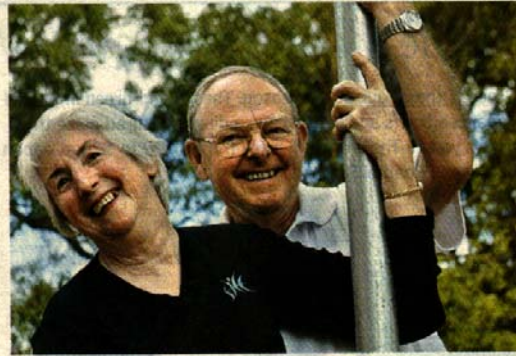
**N:** Oh, no, not for me. I'm not sexual when I do it —

I'm like an elephant!

**C:** It makes you feel sort of sensual when you do it, a bit more feminine, you want to do it to bring whatever that is in you out, and it's good exercise, too. We haven't done it a lot, though — only three times.

**N:** Yes, it's certainly good exercise.

**C:** My son laid the law down recently and said I wasn't to do it but my daughter-in-law went to a hen's night and there was a demonstration and she was rapt. She'd love to give it a go. My son's a policeman and he immediately thought of pole dancing in strip clubs. Britt and Kelly have done a lot to remove the stigma and move it to the exercise field. If you watch



those two girls you can imagine what a stripper would do with a pole. I've never seen a stripper with a pole but I can imagine!

**N:** I'd been overseas and seen pole dancing but it's come over here and cleaned up its act. It's come into the civilised world. My wife's reaction is one of amusement, I think. My daughter finds it hilarious. I don't think it's a

man's sport. Let's face it, we're the wrong shape for pole dancing. It was good to do for a bit of a laugh. When I was in the army you had to go up a rope but not a pole.

**C:** I climbed a certain way up but Norman got further up because it boils down to strength. Britt goes to the top and comes back down again like a snake. ■

— As told to Rania Ghandour