

**National Council of Women of Victoria
June 2016 Newsletter**

Women, Faith Communities, Family Violence

Since the Royal Commission on Family Violence delivered its lengthy report at the end of March, the community has been slowly coming to terms with what is involved in implementation of the more than 200 recommendations, including measures to enable victims to remain safely in the family home. Part of the report that hasn't had much publicity so far relates to the role of the religious organisations a number of which have had long involvement with NCW Victoria.

Yet as the report says "Faith leaders and organisations have direct and influential contact with many members of the Victorian community, and their guidance and intervention are often sought when family violence is being experienced" As a body that brings together women of diverse backgrounds, NCW Victoria needs to be attentive to the RCFV recommendations specific to faith communities. We have been following with interest for some years now the **Think Act** program initiated by Dr Ree Bodde of *Anglicans Helping to Prevent Violence against Women*. This program has been acknowledged as an excellent model of the way that building a culture of equal and respectful relationships can work in organisations and local churches, signalling the way primary prevention can reduce the prevalence of violence.

Now the RCFV having met with leaders from faith groups - including Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian groups such as Anglican, Catholic, UCA and some Orthodox communities - has recommended that the OMAC (Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship) Multifaith Advisory Group and the Victorian Multicultural Commission, to develop training packages on family violence and sexual assault for faith leaders and communities within three years; That the

Department of Health and Human Services consult with the OMAC Multifaith Advisory Group, the VMC and **women from faith communities** as part of its review of standards for specialist family violence service providers (including men's behaviour change programs), to ensure that these standards take account of the needs of people in faith communities who experience FV within two years; and that faith leaders and communities establish processes for examining the ways in which they currently respond to family violence in their communities and whether any of their practices operate as deterrents to the prevention or reporting of, or recovery from, family violence or are used by perpetrators to excuse or condone abusive behaviour.

There seems to be limited data on the prevalence of family violence in particular faith communities; however it is agreed that such violence is causing concern among those communities and their leaders... As the RCFV report noted "Spiritual abuse and the use of faith to support or condone violence are concerns in some communities".

Sheila Byard, President

(We acknowledge the report on this topic prepared by Mark Brolly for *The Melbourne Anglican* <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/news/family-violence-report-100516>)

Next month's Council meeting

Thursday 7 July 2016

12 noon for 12.15 start,

Level 4, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

[Economic Empowerment of Women in the changing world of work: Flexibility and the Future of Work](#) with

Dr Deborah Towns, Centre for Workplace Leadership, University of Melbourne.

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Our monthly Council meetings are held at noon on the first Thursday of the month February to November in the Hayden Raysmith Room, Level 4, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000

Stopping Violence- Next Stage of the Victorian Family Violence reform agenda:

The membership of the Victorian Family Violence Steering Committee has been announced by the Hon Fiona Richardson Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence. This will enable victims, community groups, agencies including the Victoria Police and peak service groups to work with the Government to review and implement the 227 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

The FVSC includes Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton, Chair of the Victim Survivors Advisory Council Rosie Batty and Chief Magistrate Peter Lauritsen. The committee will be co-chaired by the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Fiona Richardson and Domestic Violence Victoria CEO Fiona McCormack. \$572 million package is part of the *Victorian Budget 2016/2017 to cover response to 65* of the Royal Commission's most urgent recommendations.

Members of the Family Violence Steering Committee in alphabetical order are:

Rowena Allen, Gender and Sexuality Commissioner
Graham Ashton, Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police
Maya Avdibegovic, Executive Director, In Touch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence
Mary Barry, CEO, Our Watch
Rosie Batty, 2015 Australian of the Year
Jenny Blakey, Manager, Senior Rights Victoria
Helen Bolton, CEO, Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault
Liana Buchanan, Commissioner, Children and Young People
Rita Butera, Executive Director, Women's Health Victoria
Joanna Fletcher, CEO, Women's Legal Service Victoria
Annette Gillespie, CEO, Safe Steps
Keran Howe, CEO, Women With Disabilities Victoria
Andrew Jackomos, Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People
Emma King, CEO, Victorian Council of Social Service
Peter Lauritsen, Chief Magistrate
Emily Maguire, CEO, Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria
Fiona McCormack, CEO, Domestic Violence Victoria (co-Chair)
Jenny Smith, CEO, Council to Homeless Persons
Deborah Tsorbaris, CEO, Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare
Rodney Vlasis, No To Violence and Men's Referral Service
Jacqui Watt, CEO, No To Violence and Men's Referral Service

Other committee members will be announced shortly, including two representatives from the Family Violence Regional Integration Committees and two from the Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Forum will also be included. The first meeting of the Committee will be in June.

Main topic at the 2 June Council meeting - Women's Housing: *WPI Women's Property Initiatives* is a social enterprise and real estate agency. **Caroline Larcher**, Project and Development Manager, WPI, is a chartered structural engineer with expertise in residential and commercial building structures and community infrastructure. She has over 20 years' experience, within non-profit organisations, engineering consultancies and a major international organisation. Since joining WPI in 2009, she has been largely responsible for the growth of its housing portfolio from 19 houses to a total of 68 houses and apartments, with more currently in development. This has been achieved in partnership with Government and industry professionals, through a variety of funding mechanisms. Caroline's responsibilities encompass project initiation and development, funding, construction management and all project reporting and compliance requirements. **Kristie Looney**, Business Development Manager for WPI with *Property Initiatives Real Estate*. She is a licensed estate agent with more than 15 years' experience in the Melbourne residential property market including an extensive career in residential property management and leasing across the housing sector in both social housing and the private residential sector. With a Bachelor of Social Science, and a Masters in Urban Planning, Kristie has a passion for the role housing plays in shaping economically viable, socially just and healthy communities.

Vale Gwen Goedecke - Gwen Goedecke, a former Executive member of NCW Victoria, campaigned for women's advancement, equal pay, better child care and greater representation for women at all levels of government, particularly local government, for more than 50 years. Sunshine's second female councillor from 1984 to 1987, recipient of the Australian Centenary Medal for services to the community, she was the 2006 NCW Victoria Dame Phyllis Frost Woman of the Year. Her name was added to the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2009, and to the Shilling Wall in 2013.

From the Executive

President's Report – Including the very positive response to the May Forum on the NIDS, the new HERPLACE Women's Museum Ltd and its first activity – The Pop Up Exhibition introduces the aims of HER PLACE Women's Museum, attendance at NCW New South Wales Jean Arnot Luncheon on Friday 6 May with Anna Bligh CEO YWCA NSW as guest speaker,.

The NCWA Board meets by teleconference on Monday 6 June, and will discuss matters such as arrangements for forming the delegation to attend the ICW/CIF 2006 Mid-Term 14-17 November in ROC Taiwan, and arrangements for the NCWA Mid-Term in May 2017. Other current issues: Transition arrangements for incoming Executive, Office stock take during May with help of Janet Galley and Barbara Latham, Plans for renovation of website, including social media and Implementation of the new Brand Guide: The final components of the new brand including the logo supplied in a variety of file formats: colour, black, white, reversed out, saved as JPG, TIFF and EPS has been delivered. We also have the new Brand Guide or Style Book, and as the file size is quite large everything has been uploaded onto dropbox where it is available for download.

Secretary's Report- including Annual Meeting preparations, notice has been given in the May Newsletter, of the AGM to be held Thursday 1 September, fees and call for nominations Following the receipt of the Brand Guide from Viola Design, forms are being revised.

Correspondence: as per Correspondence Book including:

- We have had a series of exchanges with Capital Finance (FINMAX) and MCS Office Solutions about end of lease for the photocopier – thanks to Janene Blanchfield Brown for her help.
- Our domain name has been renewed. We are upgrading the office computer and getting ready to move to a new email address system, thanks to Terry K. & team at WCS Workplace Computer Solutions.
- Ross House Association - new schedule of fees for the financial year 2016-7 and changes to Level 4 storage arrangements.

Standing Committees/Advisers (May Hu JP Coordinator) The evaluation of the May forum (Focus on the National Disability Insurance Scheme NDIS proposal) and the report on the Pink paper segment from the discussion at the May Council meeting will be tabled at the June Council meeting. Advisers are completing their annual reports. The next SC meeting is on Tuesday 14 June at Ross House.

Young NCWV Report - A meeting of the Young NCWVic group was held on 2 May to determine the direction of the group. It was decided that a meeting of the larger group of YoungNCWV be held as soon as possible to discuss future activities, including some of the students from 'My Vote, My Voice' who expressed interest. This was held on Tuesday May 17th, 5:00 pm at the Radisson near Flagstaff Station. Planning is continuing for My Vote My Voice on August 12th. Parliament has been booked and a deposit paid. Letters and registration forms have been prepared ready to send to schools. Those who were able to attend these meetings considered the proposed structure of NCWA Young Women's Sub-Committee (or Young Council of Women Australia), which is designed to ensure that NCWA's purpose includes the views of young women. The YNCWV group endorsed the aims of this sub-committee. The proposed NCWA Young Women's sub-committee is to comprise: NCWA committee members (2), NCWA Young Women's committee (4), Young member from each Constituent Council. It is proposed that the Young Women's sub-committee meet monthly via teleconference to enable effective interaction and establish a work program of key issues to be considered. It was decided that there be two co-convenors from YNCWV to share the load needed to be part of the monthly teleconferences, write reports of these discussions and report back to the larger group and to NCWV. Gauri Kapoor and Yvette Wang agreed to share this role.

Next YoungNCWVic meeting is Sunday 10 July, 2pm @State Library Victoria (P.Hammond & S. Morgan, Youth Adviser)

Parliamentary Reports and inquiries (Legislation Adviser Nina Richwol) - The Family and Community Development Committee has made 49 recommendations to strengthen the disability services system in Victoria prior to the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The Electoral Matters Committee is inviting the community to have a say on electronic voting as to the forms of electronic voting currently utilised in Victoria and other jurisdictions and their effectiveness; and alternatives that are available that if implemented would ensure the continued integrity

and security of the electronic voting system. Submissions are due by 1 July 2016. The Legal and Social Issues Committee has been receiving submissions that address issues in the retirement housing sector. Closing date is Wednesday 15 June 2016.

Follow up from May Forum on the NDIS National Disability Insurance scheme - (Nurcihan Ozturk, Adviser, NCW Victoria Migration and Multicultural Affairs) I have become aware that some community members have been receiving phone calls from people claiming to be from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) seeking personal information, including bank account details. Please see the text below that the NDIA have provided, outlining details of how they will be contacting clients and the information they will be seeking (which does not include bank account details). It also indicates if anyone receives a call they are uncertain about, to contact the NDIA National Access Team on Ph. 1800 800 110

Notice - Contact from the NDIA National Disability Insurance Provider

As part of preparations for the implementation of the NDIS throughout the North East Melbourne Area from 1 July 2016, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is making contact via phone calls with prospective participants who are either currently on the Disability Support Register or in an existing DHHS programme such as Shared Supported Accommodation.

The contact from the NDIA is to ascertain a participant's eligibility for the NDIS and seek their consent to enter the NDIS. The NDIA are also gathering some key information such as the person's home address and their CRN number from Centrelink. At no stage however will be the NDIA be seeking people's bank account details. Following this initial contact, the NDIA will be in touch again to start the development of the participant's first plan to enter the NDIS.

The contact by the NDIA has followed the earlier distribution of a letter from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to prospective participants outlining the transition into the NDIS.

There has been some concerns raised by families of participants that the phone calls may not be from the NDIA but from other organisations seeking personal information for other reasons.

People should be aware that these calls from the NDIA will continue for the next few weeks and if they have any concerns or queries they can raise them with the NDIA by calling: NDIS National Access Team directly on 1800 800 110.

Central Gippsland Branch (Jan Baxter President) – The meeting held at the Chapter House, Sale 16 May 2016 opened with the NCW prayer and the President, Jan Baxter, then welcomed the guest speaker, Margaret Robbins who is the secretary of the Stratford Cemetery Trust. Margaret spoke of her journey in organising the “Spirit of Anzac” 2014-2018 Community Day on the 11th April 2015. The Avenue of Honour, Story Walls and Memorial Garden were dedicated to the men and women who served in the First World War. A Lakes Entrance wood sculptor, John Brady, carved the figure of a soldier in uniform that stands at the centre of the garden and he donated his services as the Trust were unable to get Government Grants. A discussion was held on the distances members have to drive to attend meetings and a reminder that meeting places can always be changed to suit every one. Mavis Lynch gave a report on the NCWV May Forum on the NDIS roll out in Victoria. Family violence and the drug “Ice” were then discussed. Another point of much discussion was whether and when bail money was paid and whether, if an offender absconds several times, what happens to the original bail? (Diana McNeill, Hon.Sec.)

Geelong Branch (Janice Latham President) - The speaker at the May meeting was Maureen O'Keefe who gave an interesting and informative presentation on the history of Diversitat in Geelong, and its current work including information about the NDIS. We are looking forward to our annual luncheon, on 20 June at Lyndon Grove. Our Outside meeting this year will be held on 17th October at the St Mary's Theatre, when a film on Richard Rozen will be screened. Richard and Rysia will be present. Funds raised will go to Father Kevin Dillon's *Life Boat Appeal*. Affiliated organisations made the following reports: Girl Guides had a successful day at Tower Hill, with boomerang painting and throwing; a walk with indigenous people and a hike. Quota: a successful fashion styling workshop was held on 15th May. Funds raised went to Nelson Park. A Doll Show will be held in the West Geelong Town Hall on 18th June. Sacred Heart Alumni are planning a dinner with guest speaker Prue Kenny, Legal Counsel for World Vision Australia. St John of God Auxiliary is planning a cake stall for 29th July. Cottage by the Sea is holding an afternoon tea on 26th May with guest speaker Chris Storm on the impact of family violence on the well being of our communities.(Helen Rodd, Hon. Secretary).

Please note that items for publication should be received by the end of the 3rd week of the month.

News & events from NCW Victoria Affiliates(and Friends):

Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition: Multicultural Women's Training for Local Government, **Concludes Monday 6 June** 2:00 – 7:00 pm, Melbourne Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street (opposite the Queen

Victoria Market) AMES & VGLA are sponsors. Congratulation to member Nga Hocking who has been elected to the Monash Council on a count back, following Cr Stephanie Perri's resignation to contest the Federal election on 2 July.

Australian Church Women invitation to AGM Friday 24 June 2016 at 10.15 am, Chellev Room, VCC Rooms, Fourth Floor, Causeway House, Causeway Lane, between Bourke and Little Collins Sts.

The Austral Salon of Music, Invitation to the Recital on Monday 27 June, 11.45 am at St Peter's Eastern Hill, Zachary McCulloch, Opera Scholars Australia.

Beta Sigma Phi (Life, Learning and Friendship) *Beta Sigma Phi* is an international women's organisation dedicated to helping women fulfill their lives. On Saturday 30 April, eighty five members of *Beta Sigma Phi Victoria* met to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding of the organisation at the annual Founder's Day luncheon, at the Vibe Savoy. We were very pleased once again that NCWVic President Sheila Byard was able to join us. The guest speaker was Claire Saxby who spoke the true story behind her latest children's book *My Name is Nellie Flynn*, about the creation of 'The Rajah Quilt'. This quilt was made in 1841 by the convict women on the ship "Rajah" travelling to Australia, and presented to Lady Jane Franklin for delivery back to the UK for prison reformer Elizabeth Howard who provided the materials for the creation of the quilt. It will be on display at the National Gallery later this year.

Beta Sigma Phi Victoria will be hosting the 25th bi-annual National Convention at the Melbourne Rendezvous Grand in early October, with registrants from Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia. The convention is a chance for members to get together to renew old friendships and to make new ones. While individual membership in Victoria shows some decline, chapters still meet fortnightly and continue with projects helping local charities. One group recently collected over 500 items of toiletries, such as are provided at hotels, to donate to their local Council who make up personal packs for homeless people. For more information visit About Us - Beta Sigma Phi Victoria Australia...Life, Learning and www.betasigmaphivic.org.au/about-us.html (Edited version of report from Janet Park, Beta Sigma Phi delegate)

The Rajah Quilt will be on display in Melbourne at NGV Australia (Federation Square) from 22 Jul 16 – 6 Nov 16 from 10am to 5 pm daily as part of the major exhibition on Australia's quilt heritage *Making the Australian Quilt: 1800–1950*. Made in 1841 by women travelling as convicts to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania), with materials supplied by the Quaker group, the British Ladies Society for the Reformation of Female Prisoners founded by Elizabeth Fry. Only re-discovered in 1997 in an attic in Scotland, and purchased for the National Gallery of Australia, *The Rajah quilt* is one of Australia's most important textiles.

IMG Individual Members Group (Barbara Brown Convenor) Nominations are sought for Convenor and Minute Secretary of the IMG for 2016-17. The AGM for IMG is on the morning of Thursday 4 August. Further inquiries are being made as to whether a visit to the Islamic Museum is feasible on a day other than a normal meeting day. Bank balance: \$270. Topic for the June meeting – The Austral Salon of Music' with speaker Maree Norris and Beverley Kannegiesser.

You are invited to join a National Council of Women of Victoria committee or apply for an Executive position.

Capable and enthusiastic volunteers needed. Committee and working group positions available:

Expressions of interest are invited for these positions for the coming year 2016-167

and should be forwarded to the Secretary ncwvic@bigpond.com by the end of June 2016:

Budget, Grants and Finance Working Group; Constitution Working Group; Events and Speakers Group; Front of house Team; Library and Archives, Media and Communications Team, Office, Membership and Records Team

Nominations for the NCW Victoria Executive for 2016-17:

For the election to be held on Thursday 1 September 2016, closing date for nominations is Thursday 11 August 2016. Nominations are open to representative of Organisational Members, and from Individual Members where subscriptions are paid up for the year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Applications for the following positions are made using the relevant form, signed by two members of NCW Victoria and by the candidate.

A completed resume NCW Victoria form should be supplied with the nomination form.

- President
- Secretary (Public Officer)
- Treasurer
- Vice Presidents (2)
- Regional Vice President
- Co-coordinator Advisers/Standing Committees
- Five (5) elected committee members who should be willing to serve as a convenor of one or another working group as above.
- A member from each Victorian Branch to be appointed by the member Branch prior to the annual general meeting of Council
- A representative of the Individual Members Group, selected by the Individual Members prior to the annual general meeting of Council.

NCW Victoria - Office bearers & committee 2015-6

President: Sheila Byard Secretary: Dr Pamela Williams OAM

Treasurer: Benjie Perryman

Vice Presidents: Barbara Brown, Bronwyn Badham, Janice Latham (Regional)

Five elected members:

Janene Blanchfield-Brown, Guosheng Chen, Freda Kaufman, Gauri Kapour, Elisabeth Newman,

Coordinator Standing Committees/Advisers: May Hu JP

Convenor, Individual Members Group: Barbara Brown.

Geelong Branch: Janice Latham Central Gippsland Branch: Jan Baxter

Non-voting members: Barbara Latham YoungNCWVic Convenor: Sarah Morgan

Hon. Archivist: Janet Galley OAM

About the Australian National Piano Award 2016, 5-10 September, Eastbank Centre, Shepparton (Eva Court, NCWV Arts, Letters and Music Adviser) Some NCWV members went to Shepparton in 2014 to attend this biennial competition. Barbara Brown, our Convenor of Individual Members, is involved in organising the program. There have more than 20 applicants for ANPA this year. The application requirements for ANPA are quite challenging, so only the most capable and experienced young professional pianists apply. Applicants' audition CDs have been sent off to the three adjudicators: Clemens Leske (ANPA first-prize winner and lecturer at Sydney Conservatorium), Rolf Plagge (Mozarteum - Salzburg) and Diana Weekes (Adelaide). Once the adjudicators' rankings have been received by ANPA, the twelve successful applicants will be notified and invited to play in Shepparton in September.

NCWV Executive has discussed whether an NCWV group might be interested in attending this year. If so, contact the Office by email ncwvic@bigpond.com

Our motto ... The Golden Rule

The Preamble to the original ICW Constitution said “We, women of all Nations, in the conviction that the good of humanity will be best advanced by greater unity of thought, sympathy and purpose, and that an organised movement will serve to promote the highest good of the family and of the Nation, do hereby band ourselves together in a federation of women of all races, nations and creeds, to further the application of the Golden Rule to society, custom and law: ***Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you***”.

Our mission statement

National Council of Women of Victoria, NCWV, is a non-party-political, non-sectarian, not-for-profit, umbrella organisation with broadly humanitarian and educational objectives. It seeks to raise the awareness of women as to their rights and responsibilities as citizens and encourages their participation in all aspects of community life.

Our website - <http://www.ncwvic.org.au/>

Working Together - National Council of Women of Victoria acknowledges that its meetings are held on the land of the traditional owners the *Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation*; we pay our respect to the elders past & present.

Australia’s National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety Limited (ANROWS) is an independent, not-for-profit company established as an initiative under Australia’s National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the National Plan). It is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and all state and territory governments of Australia, who are the members of the company.

For Reconciliation Week 2016 we join ANROWS in congratulating the founders of the reconciliation movement in Australia on their 25th anniversary acknowledge and thank them for their leadership of the process of reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

Our Connections

In Australia the work of National Council of Women began 120 years ago. The NCWV is an affiliate of the **National Council of Women Australia**. Through NCWA we are linked to the **International Council of Women - Conseil International des Femmes**, established in 1888. ICW-CIF has category 1 consultative status with the **United Nations Economic and Social Council**. Membership of the NCWV open its doors to a global exchange of views on matters affecting the lives of women, children and families around the world.

Privacy Statement The NCWV is committed to protecting the privacy of all individuals and affiliates and complying with Australia’s Privacy Act. Our primary purpose in collecting information is to enable us to operate as a membership organisation whose primary objective is to enhance the status of women. We may use your information to respond to your requests or to contact you via mail, email or phone for support for work we do and to offer events we may hold unless you have advised us in writing that you do not wish to receive this information.

National Council of Women of Victoria



“Caring Women Make a Difference”

PROGRAM FOR 2016

January

15th – Office re- opens

21st (Thursday)- Pioneer Women’s event, Pioneer Women’s Garden 10.15 for 10.30am – Dr Liz Rushen

February

4th – (Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting – About the Festive Baskets!

12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, including Trading Table. Anna Carlile ‘Brand Refresh’

18th (Thursday) – Executive meeting, 10 am

29th (Monday) - 9.30 to 12 noon. Launch of *My Vote My Voice 2016* program and student awards, Parliament of Victoria

March

3rd (Thursday) - 10.15-11.30 - Conversation about Civics and Citizenship, at Ross House.

12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting – Speaker Dr Merrilyn Murnane,

17th (Thursday) - Executive meeting, 10 am

April

7th (Thursday) - 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting, 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, Speaker Birute Don the ADC Healthy Cities Forum, Including Trading table.

21st (Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

May

5th (Thursday)–9.30- 11.30 May Forum, ‘NIDS – what will this mean for women and families’, followed by 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting with Pink Sheet Exercise on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Family Violence.

19th (Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

June

2nd–(Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting, 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, with Women’s Property Initiatives, including Trading Table. Individual Members Group at 10.30 am ‘The Austral Salon’ (Maree Norris)

16th– (Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

20th– (Monday) Luncheon NCWV Geelong Branch – Speaker Patti Manolis, CEO Geelong Regional Library & Heritage Centre.

27th - (Monday) Late afternoon President’s event – details to follow.

July

7th–(Thursday) 12 noon for 12.15 start, NCWV Council meeting – ‘Flexibility and the Future of Work’, Dr Deborah Towns, Centre for Workplace Leadership, University of Melbourne.

21st - (Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

August

4th–(Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting, 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, inc. Trading Table

12th (Friday) –9.30 for 10 am start My Vote My Voice Student Event at the Parliament of Victoria.

15th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

September

1st – (Thursday) 10.15–NCWV AGM 12 noon for 12.15 start

15th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

October

6th– (Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting, 12 noon for 12.15 start, NCWV Council meeting

20th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

November

3rd – (Thursday) 10.30 am Morning Tea. 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting,

17th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

December

1st - (Thursday) 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Christmas Lunch, TBC 15th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

NOTE: Council meetings are on the first Thursday of each month Feb-November at Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane

- Individual Members’ meetings begin 10.15am for 10.30 am, Trading Table – please bring items for sale
- Council meetings begin at 12.15pm sharp and finish no later than 2.15pm, Executive meetings are held at the Royal Historical Society Building corner William and A’Beckett Sts.