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OF WOMEN
VICTORIA

56th Annual Australia Day Women's Ceremony

Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden
- Kings Domain Melbourne

January 19 2017





Guest Presenter
Janet Michelmore AO

The Life and Times of Dr Jean Hailes
A TRIBUTE TO A PIONEER
OF WOMENS HEALTH

The Medical Trailblazer, The Mother and her
ENDURING LEGACY



Welcome

Welcome to this special occasion where we pay tribute and remember the women pioneers who have helped create the wonderful country that is Australia.

In doing so we also focus our thoughts on what each and every one of us can contribute to making the future for women and girls the very best it can be.

Janene Blanchfield Brown
President NCWV

Proceedings

10am NCWV Executive meet and greet arrivals

10.30 NCWV Official Party move to marquee

Colour Party raises the flag

National Anthem

10.35 President acknowledges the traditional owners of the land

Official party moves to left side of the Grotto to place flowers in front of the plaque and a minute's silence is kept in memory of women pioneers

10.40 MC introduces representative of the City of Melbourne Ms Emma Page Campbell to welcome guests on behalf of the City.

10.50 - 10.55 Janene Blanchfield Brown introduces our speaker Janet Michelmores AO

10.55 - 11.20 The 2017 Pioneer Women's Garden address - 25 minutes presented by Janet Hailes Michelmores AO

11.20 Presentation of flowers to Speaker by Cub Scout Chloe Thompson

Vote of Thanks Gauri Kapoor YNCWV

Presenter

Guest Presenter: Janet Michelmores AO



Janet Michelmores AO is a founder of Jean Hailes for Women's Health, a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the knowledge of women's health throughout the life stages and providing a trusted, world-class health service.

In 2001 her contribution to the women of Australia was recognised in the Australia Day Honours when she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for her services to women's health. In 2003 she was awarded a Centenary Medal for her outstanding contribution to women's health and wellbeing and in 2013 she was inducted on the Victorian Honour Roll of Women. In 2015 she was made a Fellow of Monash University.

Janet has been invited to sit on a number of national and state advisory councils. These include the Sexual and Reproductive Health Taskforce of the Victorian Government, the Board of

Monash Institute of Health Services Research, and more recently the Victorian Cancer Agency Council.

Over its 23 year history, Janet has ensured that the activities and emphasis of Jean Hailes have evolved to meet the changing health needs of women in Australia with the chief aim of keeping women well. A determination to address the gaps in knowledge saw Janet attract clinical psychologist Professor Jane Fisher to lead the Jean Haile's Research Unit based at Monash University in 2011. This has resulted in a unique formal partnership between Jean Haile's and Monash University combining an academic

research unit with a national not for profit organization. Janet's emphasis upon engendering community action has not only served to up-skill and build capacity in women to successfully manage their own health needs, but has also included opportunities for health professionals to increase their confidence in proactively addressing community need.

Inspired by the dedication and commitment of her late mother, Janet continues with the family tradition of women working to improve the health and well-being of all women and girls, she is truly a pioneer of the present and the future.

Biography

Dr Jean Hailes AM



Founded in 1992, Jean Hailes for Women's Health reflects the enduring legacy that Dr Dorothy Jean Hailes AM made to women's health. Jean was a passionate, caring Australian medical practitioner.

A visionary in the field of women's health, Jean identified a gap addressing the health needs of menopausal women. In 1971 she established the first women's health clinic in Australia – one of the inaugural menopause clinics in the world – dedicated to midlife and menopause.

Jean was an advocate at a time when advocacy in this field was unheard of. When time Jean was practising

medicine, there was little interest in what doctors saw as 'minor' symptoms in middle aged women. Symptoms were swept under the carpet, endured in silence from one generation to the next.

Jean worked tirelessly, inspiring and encouraging colleagues, to develop and undertake research in this area and was one of the first Australian GPs to talk openly on radio and to the

press about midlife women's health issues. She had the determination to bring this topic, rarely spoken about, either by women themselves or doctors, out in to the open.

“If a woman is in good health, her family, community and the society around her also benefit.”

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