

April 2019 Newsletter

Quote: *From Tehran to New York, from Melbourne to Mumbai, a woman still can't walk the city in the way a man can.* Lauren Elkin from her novel *Flaneuse*.

This is a good segue into our **May Forum, Thursday 2 May 2019, 9:45 for 10am start, 11:30am finish**, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne, Level 4 Rm 4 1. **Theme: Sustainable and Safe Cities, especially for Women & Girls, focusing on Safe Streets**, which reflects the ICW-CIF Theme – “Social protection for all women and girls: Sustainable development for the world” (See flyer page 2)

The emphasis of the Forum will be on what makes a Safe City/Safe Streets – wide streets, pedestrian malls, good visibility, good lighting and signage, good public transport etc. Everything that ought to come under good planning.

From the President, Elisabeth Newman:

The year is racing by, so it seems, at an alarming rate and with the NCWV year ending in a little over two months, viz. 30th June, it means report time, reflection on what has been achieved during the year and what we aspire to for the forthcoming year. It also, importantly, means thought needs to be given to succession planning. Over the next few months I urge every member, whatever your category of membership, to give serious thought as to who you would like to see on the Executive so you are ready for when nominations are called. For information on any of the positions please contact myself or any member of the Executive. New blood/fresh ideas are vital for the ongoing work and survival of NCWV. There is much to be done in ending discrimination, including violence against women and girls, and gaining gender equality; then we can have true peace with respect for all. Since the last newsletter we have celebrated International Women's Day, a time when we reflect on achievements, but on what also needs to be done to gain universal gender equality and peace.

In March I was in NY to attend the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) as a member of the ICW-CIF delegation and, as a Director, to attend the annual meeting of Project Five-O. ICW-CIF held a side event as well as a parallel event and Project Five-O ran a seminar (ex CSW) based on Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG3). It was an honour to have Robyn Nolan, President of NCWA, as one of the two NGO representatives in the Australian Government delegation. The Australians did a great job, along with the NZ, Canadian, UK and a few other like-minded delegations to keep the negotiations on

the Agreed Conclusions focused, despite a strong undercurrent from the minority conservative group who disagree with women having certain rights. The Australians also had an active support team outside the negotiation room who were terrific. A Consensus on the Outcome Document (Agreed Conclusions) was reached but not without some controversy.

At the request of Dr Jung Sook Kim, President of ICW-CIF, and the Board, Hean Bee Wee and I have been co-opted onto the Board for this Triennium due to our knowledge in certain areas; Hean Bee for certain financial issues and I for Standing Committees. I was bidden to attend the Board meeting held in NY. Although not required, as these are co-opted positions, we thank the NCWV Executive for their unanimous support, also that of the NCWA Board.



History celebrated: Sheila Byard reported on the 30th anniversary of the turning of the sod of the Women's Peace Garden in Kensington (see February Newsletter for article on our Pioneer Women's Ceremony there). Congratulations to the City of Melbourne Library team on the IWD Women's Peace Garden group visit on Friday 8 March 2019. The photo by Bev Fabb, who was at the time chair of the Lynch's Bridge Community Consultative Committee set up by Major Projects Unit, shows Minister Kay Setches representing the Government, Cr Leckie Ord representing Melbourne City Council and Ian Harrison, Manager Parks & Gardens, City of Melbourne at the time.



NCW Victoria May Forum

Theme: Sustainable and Safe Cities, especially for Women & Girls, focusing on Safe Streets

Thursday 2 May 2019, Time – 9:45 for 10am start, to 11:30am finish

Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne, Level 4 Room 4.1

- 9:45 Venue opens, sign-in, registration kits distributed
- 10:00 President, Elisabeth Newman, introduces May Hu OAM JP, Coordinator of Standing Committee
- 10:05 Panel Introduction: Elida Brereton, Executive member, who will be the moderator
- 10:10 Martin Habgood & Phuong Chau (VicRoads), Safe Streets from a Road Safety perspective: this will discuss improvements to accessibility and safety for pedestrians, cyclists and older road users.
- 10:25 Hoa Yang (ARUP), Perception of Safe Streets in Central Melbourne: will present on research collaboration between XYX Lab Monash and Arup, analysing lighting measurements across 80 different sites in Melbourne CBD to find practical solutions to make our city feel safer at night time.
- 10:40 Last speaker: Representative of City of Melbourne (TBC) outlining the Council's future plans
- 11:00 Questions and comments, to be addressed by Panel Members
- 11:20 Sum up by Moderator; Thanks by May Hu. Evaluation form to be completed.
- 11.30 Close. Light refreshments to follow.

Theme: The May Forum 2019 focuses on Sustainable and Safe Cities, which reflects the ICW-CIF

Theme: "Social protection for all women and girls: Sustainable development for the world".

Registrants will receive a folder with program, speaker bios, and relevant background materials.

RSVP: by Monday 20th April or before

Clip and post to NCW Victoria, PO Box 18186, Collins St East 8003 or email: info@ncwvic.org.au

Name(s)Tel. No:

Postal address/email:

Yes I/we plan to attend the May 2019 forum and enclose \$25 (\$30 non-members) per person.

A cheque for \$..... is enclosed

OR \$..... by Electronic Transfer to:

Account name: National Council of Women of Victoria Inc.

Bank: Westpac 263 Victoria Street Abbotsford 3067: BSB:033031; Account Number: 263920

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May NCWV meeting: Thursday 2nd May 12.00 for 12.15 start, Ross House 247 Flinders Lane Melb., Room 4.1. We will be having one or more of our NCWV Advisers speaking to the reports that they write based on current issues in their portfolios. So much good work is researched which we feel should be shared with our members. Janice Latham, the Rural and Regional Adviser has alerted us to many issues across Victoria over the past year. Sarah Morgan, Youth Adviser, will also share the research she has been doing recently after her return from NZ. **This will be most informative which would appeal to many, not just delegates, but other members of your organisations and your friends, all of whom are welcome to join us. Please spread the word.**

The [Australian Intercultural Society](#) invites you to their upcoming event. Their lecture series are open to the general public, so you are welcome to attend with others or share these events in your networks.

Sport is ideally a contest carried out on a level playing field. For many years, mainstream sports have been played and administered by men. This is changing with more women participating and leading across various sporting codes. But are women being given a fair go on the sporting field? How to achieve equal representation in management and at board level? The panel will discuss strategies to increase women's representation on and off the field.

Lecture Series "Change our Game: Women in Sport", Wednesday 8 May 2019 12:00-1:30pm

AIS - [Suite 2, Ground Floor, 441 St Kilda Road, Melbourne;](#)

FREE Registration: <http://bit.ly/2V1fB7c>

March Council Meeting was our first in the late afternoon to accommodate students and those in work. Being the eve of IWD the chosen speaker, Dr Marissa Parrot, reflected strong, professional and inspiring women.



Dr Marissa Parrot, Reproductive Biologist, Wildlife Conservation & Science, at Zoos Victoria, her topic was: *Zoos Victoria, Fighting Extinction*. The major focus of Marissa's research is captive breeding, reintroduction and conservation of some of Australia's most critically endangered species. Marissa works across Werribee Open Range Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Zoo and a variety of field locations to improve threatened species reintroduction and captive breeding success, and leads reproductive and behavioural research projects. She has 18 years experience in wildlife field work, five years in molecular genetics laboratories, 14 years in captive breeding programs and has been involved in a variety of wildlife and conservation programs across Australia, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Marissa has been named as an Australian Science Hero by the Australian Office of the Chief Scientist, a Global Wildlife Talent by National Geographic, and is a member of Homeward Bound, a global leadership initiative for women in STEM set in Antarctica. There are 95 women from 35 countries involved in 2019.

Marissa is part of a number of Threatened Species Recovery Teams with a strong focus on endangered native marsupial, rodent and frog species to aid Zoos Victoria's commitment that no Victorian terrestrial vertebrate species will go extinct. This focus was heightened when the last Christmas Island bat died when she was there. There are 17 Victorian, 4 regional species at severe risk that Zoos Vic are working with in captive and breeding programs, aimed at release and having them survive in the wild. Information and great photos at: <https://www.zoo.org.au/fighting-extinction> Strategies used vary between species, including selection of mates to optimise health and diversity of offspring, analysing hormone cycles to increase fertility, replicating environments and predator avoidance.

There are also International Conservation programs that Marissa's team is involved in, including the [Rhino Fund Uganda](#); [Philippines Crocodile Recovery](#); [Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program - Papua New Guinea](#) and others.

Zoos Victoria is fighting extinction from the ground up with grass-roots community conservation campaigns. The aim is to inspire the millions of Zoo visitors and the wider community to take simple actions that will help wildlife and wild places all over the world, including: [Donate old mobile phones](#), to be recycled and reduce the need for coltan mining conducted in Gorilla territory; [Use recycled toilet paper](#) to protect forests; [Fight for mandatory labelling of palm oil](#) on products so that consumers can choose responsibly; 'Bubbles not Balloons' to reduce their ingestion by marine life. Simple choices can make a real difference. Everyone can do their part to fight extinction and save the environment. Marissa is also involved in mentoring and training here and internationally, one being in Cambodia on capacity building at the Royal University in Phnom Penh after Pol Pot genocide. On the eve of IWD she showed photos of the strong women working in her team at Zoos Victoria, other women include the Chair of the Board, CEO, Director of Melb Zoo, Veterinary Scientists, Animal Trainer, Animal Welfare Specialist, Zoo keepers and Researchers.

Marissa's path to her current position was a Science degree, then masters in genetics studying the feather glider, finding a tiny antechinus that was its predator. Antechinuses have a short, violent breeding season, after which males die. Her PhD was on partner selection developing a test for compatibility, finding mates were chosen for differences. She did volunteering locally and internationally, then at Healesville where she was offered a position.

Other News

Fitted for work invites you to mark this year's Fashion Revolution Week with an exploration of the global need for a Fashion Revolution. 5:30pm - 8:00pm, Friday 3rd May, Foy's Arcade, Level 6, 246 Bourke Street, Melbourne. Cost: \$30 Adult, \$22 Concession; which includes entry to event, 2 glasses of bubbly and your event gift bag, including a \$10 voucher to spend at The Conscious Closet! Proceeds support Fitted for Work's mission to help women experiencing disadvantage to regain their confidence and secure and maintain employment. There will be guest speakers and screening of short films discussing the fast fashion crisis. The evening will end with a recycled fashion runway show, featuring looks from the Conscious Closet!

[Book your tickets now!](#)

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Shrine of Remembrance:

ANZAC Day: Thursday 25 April, 6AM DAWN SERVICE, come together to remember the Australian men and women who served and sacrificed in the name of peace, and those who continue to do so. Honour their spirit as we observe a minute of silence; arrival time of between 4am – 5am at the Shrine.

8.30AM ANZAC DAY MARCH. Show your support as thousands of veterans and current serving personnel march down St Kilda Road, starting at the intersection of Flinders and Swanston Streets, concluding at the Shrine; followed by a service which will take place on the Shrine Forecourt, including an Address from the Governor of Victoria.

Shrine Monthly Memorial Service: This month we commemorate the following important dates:

29 April 1915 – Sinking of the AE2; 23 April 1951 – Battle of Kapyong;

[Full list of Services](#)

Villers-Bretonneux Day: Wednesday 24 April, 1.30pm; Wreath laying at Memorial Tree B58.

Villers-Bretonneux Day marks the successful counter-attack and recapture of Villers-Bretonneux in 1918. This action played a significant role in the overall defeat of the German attack launched in March 1918. This annual commemorative service is conducted by the Friends of the 15th Brigade.

[Full list of Services](#)

The Lives Behind the Names: Monday 29 April, 2.30pm, Auditorium.

Eminent French archaeologist Gilles Prilaux will trace lives of some of almost 2000 Australians (many Victorians) who inscribed their names on walls of the caves beneath Naours, France. During his visit to Melbourne, Gilles will discuss the history and context of his discovery, methodology and results of his work, collaboration with families and Australian officials and plans for preservation of the site. Talk will include a virtual visit of caves.

[Book now](#)

Stern Justice: Wednesday 1 May, 6pm, Auditorium.

In the aftermath of the Second World War, Australia conducted hundreds of trials against Japanese wartime leaders. Adam Wakeling considers whether these trials were acts of justice or revenge.

[Book now](#)

Her Place Women's Museum Australia

Clarendon Terrace, once home to the Menzies Foundation, has recently been reinvented as Her Place Women's Museum which is a not-for-profit organisation that celebrates the social, civic and entrepreneurial achievements of all Australian women and their role in shaping our nation. The lives and experiences of women have traditionally been under-represented in historical narratives, museum collections and the public sphere.

As part of the Australian Heritage Festival, Dr Liz Rushen will give the inaugural lecture at the Museum on:

'Clarendon Terrace and HER first neighbours', in which she will talk on some of East Melbourne's pioneering women. Liz is well known as co-founder of the East Melbourne Historical Society, she is a professional historian with a special interest in women's history and has written many books on the subject.

Presenter: **Dr Liz Rushen, Chair, History Council Victoria, a SLV Creative Fellow 2019 and former RHSV Director**

Start: **Thursday 9 May 2019 - 6:00pm**

Location: **Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne**

Entry fee: Gold coin donation

Bookings online at <https://www.trybooking.com/460931>

The Royal Historical Society, Vic

The RHSV is delighted that Kristin Stegley OAM, Chairman of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), has accepted our invitation to deliver the 2019 Weston Bate Oration. Kristin will explore the nexus between history and heritage, especially the advocacy required to maintain and strengthen the vitality and integrity of both. Kristin, aware that the RHSV is interested in the National Trust's view on the weaknesses and strengths of the heritage advocacy sector across the State, will take this opportunity to explore some of those views. How can we effect the best possible heritage outcomes through advocacy?



Kristin has extensive leadership experience in the Victorian cultural, philanthropic and local government sectors. An arts educator for over 20 years, Kristin has been a local government Councillor, Trustee of several philanthropic Foundations and a political activist. She has volunteered with the National Trust for many years to promote the importance and value of heritage to our cultural well-being.

TUE 21 MAY, SGM / AGM: 5PM - 6PM (we'll serve drinks upstairs during AGM)

Lecture: 6pm, Officers' Mess Upstairs, Members Free, Non-Members \$10

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[Communities in Control](#), next conference: May 20-21, 2019 “Renewing and remaking communities”, Melbourne, Australia the community sector event of the year. Journalist and #metoo figurehead Tracey Spicer AM, human rights lawyer David Manne, social commentator Mariam Veiszadeh, social media sensation Lee Lin Chin, Anglican priest and Senate candidate Father Rod Bower, and psychology academic Lea Waters are just some of the speakers. You can download the full program from www.communitiesincontrol.com.au. To attend [register here](#).

Our mission statement: *National Council of Women of Victoria Inc. -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 motto: *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 have them do unto you.”*

NCWV Dates up to June 2019

January: Monday 21st 58th Australia Day Pioneer Women’s Ceremony, Women’s Peace Garden, Kensington. The Rt Hon Sally Capp, Lord Mayor of Melbourne spoke.

February: Thursday 7th Individual Members 10:15am, Room 4.1 Ross House
Council meeting 12:15pm. Speaker: Ms Lesley Podesta, CEO Alannah and Madeline Foundation

Monday 11th: Standing Committee meeting, Room 2.1 Ross House, 4:30-6:00pm

Thursday 21st: Executive meeting, RHSV ground floor meeting room, 10:00am-12:00pm

March: Thursday 7th Council meeting Room 4.1 Ross House, **5:15-7:15pm. NOTE new time.**
Speaker: Dr Marissa Parrott, Zoos Victoria

Thursday 21st: Executive meeting, RHSV ground floor meeting room, 10:00am-12:00pm

April: Thursday 4th Individual Members 10:15am, Room 4.1 Ross House. Speaker Edith Chen
Council meeting Room 4.1, 12:15pm. Speaker: Dr Ros Otzen, Chair Hesta Hornbook Academy

Monday 8th Standing Committee meeting, Room 2.1 Ross House, 4:30-6:00pm

Thursday 18th Executive meeting, RHSV ground floor meeting room, 10:00am-12:00pm

May: Thursday 2nd: May Forum, ‘Safe Streets’, Room 4.1, see flyer in this newsletter.

Council Meeting, 12:15pm. Speakers: Janice Latham, Rural/Regional Adviser; Sarah Morgan, Youth Adviser

Thursday 16th Executive meeting, RHSV ground floor meeting room, 12:00pm

June: Thursday 6th Individual Members 10:15am, Room 4.1 Ross House

Council Meeting, 12:15pm, Room 4.1 Ross House. Guest Speaker: Robyn Nolan, President NCWA

Monday 17th Standing Committee meeting 4:30 – 6:00 Ross House Room 2.1

Thursday 20th Executive meeting, RHSV ground floor meeting room, 10:00pm

Note

- Council meetings held at Level 4 Ross House, Room 4.1, Flinders Lane, Melbourne
- Individual Members’ meetings every 2nd month, 10.15 – 11.30am in the same room
- Trading Table – please bring items for sale. Food items to have all ingredients listed.
- Executive meetings held at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, A’Beckett St Melbourne
- Standing Committee meetings, 4:30pm, Room 2.1, Level 2 Ross House.

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