

Newsletter

July 2021

Quote: "Australians All let us rejoice, for we are ONE and free." **National Anthem 2021**

From the President, Ronnieta Milliken

In 2004, the Parliament of Victoria amended the Victorian Constitution to recognise Victoria's Aboriginal people as the original custodians of the land on which the Colony of Victoria was established. When Europeans first settled the Port Phillip region it was occupied by five Traditional Aboriginal language groups. These groups spoke a related language and were part of the KULIN (Koolin) nation of peoples.

In Melbourne we respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Bunurong Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin Nation; in Geelong, it is the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation.

Acknowledgement of Country:

Incorporating an Acknowledgement of Country is a way of showing awareness of and respect for the Traditional Owners of the land on which an event is being held. It is generally offered at the beginning, and can be given by both non-Indigenous people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This will usually take the form:

I wish to acknowledge the [Traditional Owner group name] people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Welcome to Country:

Welcome to Country is a ceremony performed by an Elder, a senior representative of the Traditional Owner group, to welcome visitors to their traditional land. It can include singing, dancing, smoking ceremonies or a speech, depending on the culture of the Traditional Owners. It's an ancient Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tradition that was practised when one community sought permission to enter another clan's traditional land.

The easiest way to find out who the formally recognised Traditional Owners are for an area is to consult the interactive map: [Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners | Aboriginal Victoria](#)

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. From 1940 until 1955, the Day of Mourning was held annually on the Sunday before Australia Day and was known as Aborigines Day. In 1955 Aborigines Day was shifted to the first Sunday in July after it was decided the day should become, not simply a protest day, but also a celebration of Aboriginal culture.

From 1956 – 1990 major Aboriginal organisations, state and federal governments, and a number of church groups all supported the formation of, the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC). The second Sunday in July became a day of remembrance for Aborigines and their heritage. With a growing awareness of the distinct cultural histories of Torres Strait Islander peoples, NADOC was expanded to recognise them and their culture in 1991. The committee became the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC). This new name has become the title for the whole week. Each year, a theme is chosen to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC Week. *Words taken from website:* <https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/history>

NAIDOC 2021 Week: 4-11 July, theme – Heal Country! – calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. We speak about Country like a person, sustaining our lives in every aspect - spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally. NAIDOC 2021 invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage, and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

More information: https://www.naidoc.org.au/Arts_Centre_Victoria: Visit us to see incredible artwork on the building façade, including winning posters from the VIC NAIDOC competition and images of artists from the Indigenous community. At night, see the Spire lit in colours of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander flags.

July Speaker: Kirsty Mead, Executive Director, PPFA, spoke at our July Council meeting at 5:15pm.



PPFA is committed to supporting teenagers who suffer severe period pain, pelvic pain, and endometriosis to allow them to fulfil their potential and live the best life possible. To do this, PPFA is bringing medically responsible, positive, and interactive education to schools in Australia.

On 21st November 2018, PPFA-developed Periods, Pain and Endometriosis Program, PPEP Talk®, launched in South Australia with 80 schools, and on 12th October 2020 in Western Australia. PPEP Talk® is bringing the latest in modern knowledge and neuroscience of pain to Australian teens. The program is funded by matched State and Federal Government funding, with the Education departments supporting schools to access the program. The talk is free and is an Australian “first”, being rolled out in secondary schools across Government, Catholic and Independent sectors, focussing on Year 10 students. Highly regarded health professionals – specialist doctor, physiotherapist and neuroscientist - are part of the program. As many students don't have full knowledge of anatomy, PPFA developed a video to accurately explain the anatomy of this part of the body and the neuroscience of pain. They have videos and support for parents and also male students. They conduct pre- and post-evaluations to determine the effectiveness of the program. The results have been very positive. They are now moving into Tasmania and have approached the Victorian ministers for Health, Women and Education to fund 200 schools.

There have been adaptations along the way, including linking across each State's curriculum and working with teachers to develop curriculum guides; support for parents, single fathers and brothers; educating GPs, particularly in regional and remote areas; working with Aboriginal women, girls, health care workers and doctors. There has also been the development of a web portal for information and conducting monthly meetings. For each program, there is a contact person for ongoing support.

[Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List](#)

The Honours List included:

947 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia (5 AC, 50 AO, 252 AM and 640 OAM)

33 recipients of awards in the Military Division of the Order of Australia (1 AO, 14 AM and 18 OAM)

139 Meritorious awards

71 Gallantry, Distinguished and Conspicuous awards

The highest ever percentage (44%) of women recognised in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

Women made up 53 per cent of Victorians honoured with gender parity achieved for the first time in Victoria.

Congratulations to the women who received Honours. Special mention to those connected to NCWV



Coral Ross OAM, ALGWA Victoria Executive Committee member, for her service to local government and to gender equality.



Pam Robinson AM, ALGWA Victoria Life Member, awarded for significant service to conservation and the environment, and to the community.

Congratulations Libby Lyons.

Libby spoke at NCWV's April Council meeting as CEO of the Australian Workplace Gender Equality Agency. She has been appointed as inaugural independent Chair of the Aged Care Workforce Industry Council.

August Meetings, 5th August, by ZOOM

Individual Members Annual Meeting, 11:00am

This meeting will be conducted prior to the Council meeting, on August 5th commencing at 11:00am, followed by Individual member Wendy Le Get talking about the sale of the family farm in Western Australia which her Grandparents took up as virgin country in 1906. There was a large collection of old machinery and household items as well as buildings, all well preserved. The local Heritage group and the Local Council have set up the “Koobabbie Precinct” in Coorow W.A. where a collection of these items are displayed, including three of the smaller original farm buildings that could be easily moved. To learn more Wendy says google “Koobabbie”. This will be a most enjoyable talk.

Council Meeting, 12:15pm

Women in Superannuation(WIS) - Sandra Buckley

Sandra was appointed to the Australian Gender Equality Council Board in July 2019 and Deputy Chair in November 2020. Sandra is CEO of Women in Super, a national networking and advocacy organisation for women employed in superannuation and the aligned financial services industry. She will explain the changes over time that have occurred with superannuation and the impact on Women.

Students Take Over Parliament! Spread word to schools

The outstanding annual student event ***My Vote My Voice***, conducted by the NCWV, will be held in the Legislative Council Chamber of Parliament House, Melbourne on **Monday August 9th 2021, 9:00-12:30pm**.

Students from government and independent schools in Melbourne and Geelong, will address the topic: ***My Vote My Voice: Democracy - Past; Present; Future. Is politics structured to benefit society in the future?*** This is designed to encourage students to consider what a future political system may look like to benefit all of society in the future.

Students may carry out research, collect data from peers and others to gain views on the future of our political system. Students can then make a group presentation in the Chamber.

The quality of past student presentations has been outstanding and inspiring, so these students should also make a valuable contribution to improve the participation of Victorian Youth in our democratic processes.

Also, we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Australian Federation of Women Voters, and the 75th+1 of League of Women Voters Victoria (LWVV). **The Keynote speaker will be highly distinguished Professor Marilyn Lake AO, sharing the history of voting and the part LWVV played.**

Contact **Pam Hammond**, Convenor, on **0417 326 847**

ALGWA

Covid Response and Recovery with Cr Virginia Tachos - Online Forum, Tuesday 27 July 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Brimbank Council has a new councillor portfolio to help the community to deal with impacts of COVID-19, by providing an opportunity for councillors to become more engaged with, and develop an in-depth understanding of, the issues in relation to their specific portfolio. Virginia will start the conversation by sharing particularly about the engagement with CALD communities and how vital response and recovery has been and continues to be. [Click Here To Book:](#)

OTHER NEWS

Her Place Women's Museum Australia aims to give women a voice in Australia

Discover the amazing colonnaded façade and walk through the nineteenth century interiors and rare 1980s wooden atrium ceiling space. View an exhibition of 230 years of fascinating stories and memorabilia of Australian nursing and midwifery history, including Indigenous nursing stories and COVID 19 nursing experiences. Saturday 24 July 10am-4pm You can [BOOK HERE](#) or arrive without a booking but will be required to check in with a QR code.

From Minister Gabrielle Williams: Boosting Public Art Of Inspirational Women By Women

Statues and other public art immortalising the significant contributions of great women today and throughout history will be boosted in Victoria, in a major step towards addressing a damaging long-standing underrepresentation. The Victorian Government has created a \$1 million fund to improve public recognition of women leaders and ensure greater opportunities for female artists who are significantly under-represented when it comes to major public commissions. In politics, activism, literature, civil life, science, medicine and on the sporting field – great women have played a critical role in the economic, social and cultural development of Victoria, as well as inspiring future generations of leaders. But of the 580 statues in Victoria, only nine - or 1.5 percent - are of real women. The program will assist in addressing gender inequality in the Arts, recognising that women artists have low representation in art media, commercial galleries and state museums compared to men. Women artists will be prioritised when creating statues to assist in addressing gender inequality in visual arts. Art program will open in the second half of 2021.

Administered by the Office for Women within the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

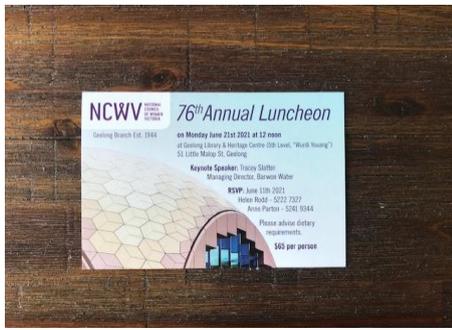
Royal Historical Society Victoria <https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/rhsv-events/>

Portable Buildings in Australia by Miles Lewis, August 5 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

[RHSV, Gallery Downstairs](#), 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000 + [Google Map](#)

Miles Lewis's presentation will look at why Australia's large collection of very old portable buildings should be nominated as a group for UNESCO World Heritage Listing. Portable buildings, today referred to as prefabricated, were imported in larger numbers to Australia than to any other part of the world during the nineteenth century. They were made not merely of timber and iron, but of oilcloth, slate, zinc, papier mâché, and 'portable brick'.

Podcast Masterclass: Sat 31 Jul and 8 Aug 2 full-days (limited to 15 people) by Zoom.



Rescheduled

NCWV Geelong: Annual Luncheon:

Monday July 19th, 12:00pm

Geelong Library (a short walk from the station)

Speaker: Tracey Slatter, Director, Barwon Water

Contact for this event: Helen Rodd- 5222 7327

NCWA Triennial Conference 25-26 November, 2021, Canberra—Save the Date



Program

Thursday 25 November morning: **NCWA Business – Resolutions**

Thursday 25 November afternoon: **Public Conference**

Thursday 25 November (tbc): **Reception – 5.30pm**

Hosted by Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley at Government House

Friday 26 November 2021 – **Public conference**

Our Purposes: *to provide a non-party political, non-sectarian, not-for-profit, umbrella organisation with broadly humanitarian and educational objectives, empowering women and girls and raising awareness of gender equality; act as a voice on issues and concerns of women and girls at a State level; develop policies and responses on behalf of women and girls on a State-wide basis; maintain and strengthen the Association's relationship with all members; link with women in Australia and the International Council of Women through the National Council of Women of Australia and contribute to the implementation of their plans of action and policies.*

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 for 2021 – venue or online to be confirmed

- July:**
- Monday 12th:** Standing Committee Meeting, 4:30-6:00pm, by ZOOM
 - Thursday 15th:** Committee Meeting, RHSV, A'Beckett St
- August:**
- Thursday 5th:** Individual Members Annual Meeting 11:00am;
Council Meeting 12:15pm, by ZOOM
 - Sandra Buckle, CEO Women in Superannuation**
 - Monday 9th My Vote My Voice,** Parliament of Victoria, 9:00am-12:30pm
 - Monday 9th:** Standing Committee Meeting, 4:30-6:00pm
 - Thursday 19th:** Committee Meeting, RHSV, A'Beckett St
- September**
- Thursday 2nd:** **Council Annual General Meeting, 12:15am**
 - Monday 14th:** Standing Committee Meeting, 4:30-6:00pm
 - Thursday 16th** Committee Meeting, RHSV, A'Beckett St
- October:**
- Thursday 7th:** Individual Members meeting; Council Meeting 12:15pm
 - Monday 11th:** Standing Committee Meeting, 4:00-6:00pm
 - Thursday 21st:** Committee Meeting, RHSV, A'Beckett St
- November:**
- Thursday 4th:** Council Meeting, **5:15-7:15pm. NOTE late time**
 - Thursday 18th:** Committee Meeting, RHSV, A'Beckett St
 - Tuesday 23rd:** **Annual Festive Luncheon, 12:00pm, William Angliss Restaurant**
 - Thursday 25 – Friday 26 November, NCWA Triennial Conference in Canberra 2021**