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Proceedings

- 10:00am NCWV Executive meet and greet arrivals
- 10:15am All stand for the NCWV Official Party
President, Ronniet Milliken, acknowledgement of traditional owners and the significant role of women in Aboriginal culture.

President welcomes VIPs, President NCWA, NCWV Past Presidents, NCWV Life Members, Presidents of NCWV Organisations and delegates, Individual members and friends.

Apologies

As 2022 is the 120th Anniversary of NCWV, the focus today is on pioneer women who established Victorian women's organisations and who have continued these organisations up until today. Dr Judith Smart AM, co-author of the history of the NCW Australia, *Stirrers with Style* will give an overview of the history of women's organisations.
- 10:30am Dr Deborah Towns OAM Introduces Dr Smart AM
- 10:55am Vote of thanks and presentation
- 11:00am President introduces panel of speakers from 4 of the founding affiliates
Barbary Clarke, Great-granddaughter of NCWV's first President, Janet Lady Clarke
The Jewish Women's Guild – Ronniet Milliken
The Austral Salon of Music, Literature & the Arts – Beverley Kannegiesser
The Young Women's Christian Assoc. – Mannie Verma
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union – Rhona Theodore, Jan Shattock
- 11:45am Thanks and presentations to speakers
- 11:50am Official Party lays sheath of flowers near the plaque
- 12:00pm Thanks – President Ronniet Milliken

Other Early Affiliated Organisations listed in NCWV history: Australian Social Improvement Society, Australian Women's Association, Bendigo Women's Literary Society, Collingwood Crèche, Collingwood Girl's Club, Collins Street Independent Church Ladies Reading Society, Convalescent Home for Women, Daughters of the Court, Gentle Women's Aid Society, Hawthorn Ladies Reading Society, Hawthorn Progressive League, Kew Progressive League, Maternity Patients' Convalescent Home, Melbourne District Nursing Society, Methodist Neglected Children's Aid Society, Prahran Women's Progressive League, Princess Ida Club, Queen Victoria Hospital, United Council for Women's Suffrage, Victoria Alliance, Victorian Infant Asylum and Foundling Hospital, Victoria Lady Teachers' Association, Victorian Women's Post and Telegraph Association, Victorian Women's Public Service Association, Victoria Women's Political League, Women's Health Society, Women's Hospital, Women's Progressive League, Melbourne Women's Writer's Club and the Young Women's Christian Association.

Dr Judith Smart AM



Judith is Adjunct Professor at RMIT University and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. She was the first woman appointed to edit the Australian historical journal, *Australian Historical Studies*, a position she held from 1995 to 1999, during which she edited a special issue of the journal, *Twenty Years On* (April 1996), to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the publication of five key texts in Australian women's history: Miriam Dixson's *The Real Matilda*, Anne Summers' *Damned Whores and God's Police*, Beverley Kingston's *My Wife, My Daughter and Poor Mary Ann*, Edna Ryan and Anne Conlon's *Gentle Invaders*, and *Women at Work* edited by Ann Curthoys, Susan Eade and Peter Spearitt.

She has served on the society's council (2007–17, 2020–), is a member of its Heritage and Publications Committees, and co-edits the Victorian Historical Journal. She is currently deputy chair of the History Council of Victoria and vice-president of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies.

She has published on Australian women's organisations, women and political protest, and the Australian home front during World War I. Judith co-authored, with Marian Quartly, *Respectable Radicals: A History of the National Council of Women of Australia, 1896–2006* (Monash University Publishing, 2015).

She also co-edited, with Shurlee Swain, *The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia*, at <http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders/index.htm>. Judith has also written articles on National Council of Women history including:

- (with Marian Quartly) 'Making the National Councils of Women National: The Formation of a Nation-wide Organisation in Australia 1896–1931', in Irma Sulkunen, Pirjo Markkola, and Seija-Leena Nevala-Nurmi (eds), *Suffrage, Gender and Citizenship: International Perspectives on Parliamentary Reforms* (Newcastle on Tyne, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2009);
- 'Ada Norris (1901–1989): Champion of the Impossible', in Davis, Fiona, Musgrove, Nell and Smart, Judith (eds), *Founders, Firsts and Feminists: Women Leaders in Twentieth-century Australia* (eScholarship Research Centre, University of Melbourne, 2011);
- (with Marian Quartly), 'Moderate and Mainstream: Leadership in the National Council of Women of Australia 1930s to 1970s', in Joy Damousi, Kim Rubenstein and Mary Tomic (eds), *Diversity in Leadership: Australian Women, Past and Present* (Canberra, ANU Press, 2014);
- (with Marian Quartly), 'The National Council of Women of Victoria, Suffrage and Political Citizenship 1904–14', *Victorian Historical Journal, Women's Suffrage Centenary Issue*, vol. 79, no. 2, November 2008;
- (with Marian Quartly), 'Mainstream Women's Organisations in Australia: The Challenges of National and International Co-operation after the Great War', *Women's History Review*, vol. 21, no. 1, 2012;
- (with Marian Quartly), 'The Australian National Council of Women', *Australian Feminist Studies*, vol. 29, no. 82, Feb. 2014;
- 'Women Waging War: The National Council of Women of Victoria 1914–1920', *Victorian Historical Journal*, vol. 85, no. 1, June 2015.

The Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden is a garden of remembrance created in Kings Domain as part of the 1934 celebration of the Centenary of Melbourne. A variety of fundraising ventures occurred, including producing and selling a commemorative book, and receiving public subscriptions to have a particular woman's name inscribed on a "sheet of remembrance", buried beneath the sundial in the garden. The garden was designed by [Hugh Linaker](#) and is a formal, symmetrical garden traversed by a watercourse. This flows into a grotto which contains a [bronze](#) statue of a woman by the sculptor [Charles Web Gilbert](#).

For more information about the Annual Australia Day Pioneer Women's Ceremony, including a list of speakers since 1961, please consult the entry at the Australian Women's Register Website - <http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0664b.htm>.

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