

## Acknowledgement

*National Council of Women of Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Victoria and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. NCWV pays its respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.*



**QUOTE:** “Sustainability Goal 16 is about promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. People everywhere should be free of fear from all forms of violence and feel safe as they go about their lives whatever their ethnicity, faith or sexual orientation.” United Nations

### From the President, Elida Brereton



Warm greetings from me to you all, as we move closer to the end of another busy year. When you read this (and I do thank Pam Hammond for her excellent work in collating and producing our professional and relevant monthly Newsletters), we need to reflect on United Nations Sustainability Goals and how our advocacy can be directed.

A group of us are attending the NCWA Conference in Sydney, to be followed by a reception for NCWA and all states' NCWs, at Admiralty House, hosted by Her Excellency, Mrs Linda Hurley. A report of this event will follow later.

We were privileged to hear from **Kylie Scoullar**, General Manager Direct Services, The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Victoria Inc (see report in this Newsletter) at our October Council meeting, and her sharing of information about the trauma-informed counselling services for 5,000 people of refugee backgrounds that Kylie oversees is more relevant than ever, given the trauma facing so many Ukrainians for over 18 months, and now, victims of new fighting and terrorist acts in the Middle East.

I am sure that I speak for all of you when I say that our hearts go out to those of you directly impacted by these wars and the deaths, injuries and lives destroyed, resulting from abuse of power and evil actions. To our Ukrainian and Jewish “sisters” and your loves ones, we offer you our compassion and deep sympathy. And subsequently to those now suffering in Gaza.

Sadly, NCWV has lost a loyal and hard-working member, a past President, past Secretary and Honorary Life Member, with the death of **Janet Galley OAM**. She was in many ways our “corporate memory” and honorary archivist. COVID caused NCWV to lose direct contact with Janet, although she still contributed news and corrections to minutes etc by mail. I will be one of NCWV’s representatives at her funeral on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bethel funerals Carrum Downs 620 Frankston -Dandenong Road at 2:00pm. Vale, Janet, a generous and faithful servant of NCWV. A detailed acknowledgement will appear in the November Newsletter.

I hope to see you all at our next meetings: our **Council Meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>** where our speaker will be **Jill Forsyth OAM**, who is working with the people of Timor and the Larrakia people of Darwin, and has deep insights into the issues facing both groups; and the NCWV **End-of-Year Luncheon on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>**, where our speaker will be an incredible adventurer and inspirer to all women, **Heather Burge**, who rode her bike alone from Beijing to Paris via Mongolia and Iran and is an excellent speaker. The Council Meeting and Luncheon are important opportunities for us to share vital information, but the Luncheon will be face-to-face, so please plan to be there and even to bring a friend.



**National Council of Women Australia** is holding its Annual General Meeting and Conference on: **Tuesday October 17 in Sydney**, including a Reception at Admiralty House hosted by Her Excellency, Mrs Linda Hurley. Program:

1:30-2:30pm NCWA AGM – Board and Members only.  
2:45-3:30pm Registration and afternoon tea.  
3:30-5:30pm Conference  
6:00-7:45pm Reception at Admiralty House.

Venue: **H C Coombs Centre** [Get directions](#)  
122A Kirribilli Ave, Kirribilli NSW 2061, Australia

Registration: Members: \$100; Non-members \$125; Book:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/ncwa-conference-2023>



**Speaker: Kylie Scoullar, General Manager Direct (Client) Services, The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (Foundation House).** *Supporting refugees who have experienced torture or other traumatic events to rebuild their lives; a child, family and women’s perspective.*

Kylie is a registered psychologist and accomplished executive with 20+ years senior leadership experience across complex settings including mental health, child and family, and refugee contexts; her career founded on a strong commitment to social justice and health equity.

Kylie has spent the past 5 years as General Manager Direct (Client) Services. In this role she leads trauma-informed counselling services statewide for 5,000 people per year from refugee backgrounds. Kylie is also a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Clinical Governance Committee with Tweddle Child and Family Health Service.

Foundation House - <https://foundationhouse.org.au/> was founded in 1987 to advance the health, wellbeing and human rights of people of refugee background who have experienced torture or other traumatic events. They have worked with over 100,000 people from more than 70 different communities and have grown from a single worker to a team of approximately 250 staff across five sites in metropolitan Melbourne and have partnerships with community organisations across Victoria. They are recognised as a national leader in the provision of trauma-informed and trauma-focused service delivery that works with the strengths and resilience of refugees, their families, and communities. In the Financial Year 2022-23, Foundation House provided direct services to **4,661** survivors of torture and other traumatic events, including from Afghanistan community evacuated in 2022 and diaspora already living in Australia; Iraq; Chin, Karen, Rohingya from Burma/Myanmar; Tamil; Iranian; Burmese; Sudanese and Iraqi. They ranged from babies to adults, but 40% were under 25 years of age, 60% Female, 40% male. Kylie listed the trauma experienced by refugee children and young people seen by Foundation House:

- 54% Experienced dangerous flight
- 19% Death or disappearance of family/friends
- 37% forced separation from family
- 55% Threat of harm to family
- 45% witnessed physical violence
- 12% witnessed others killed
- 5% kidnapped

Kylie then took us through the Foundation House Recovery Framework, how they work with individuals, from isolation to connection.

Foundation House Trauma Recovery Framework			
Persecution & Human Rights Violations	Social & Psychological Impact	Trauma Reactions	Recovery Goals
Killings, Serious Injuries Threats Disappearances	Chronic Fear Helplessness Loss of Agency & Control	Anxiety Avoidance Behaviours Hypersensitivity to Threat	Restore Safety Enhance Agency & Control
Death of, or Separation from, Loved Ones Imposed Isolation Forced Displacement	Breaking of Bonds Disruption of Connections to Family, Friends, Community & Cultural Beliefs	Damage to Attachments Grief Depression Community Fragmentation	Restore Secure Attachments Promote Connections Enhance Belonging
Human Rights Violations on a Mass Scale	Destruction of Core Beliefs of Human Existence	Questioning Meaning, Purpose & Identity Sensitivity to Injustice	Restore Meaning & Purpose Rebuild Identity Promote Justice
Transgression of Inviolable Boundaries Impossible Choices	Humiliation & Degradation	Guilt Shame	Restore Dignity & Value

*Rebuilding Shattered Lives 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Dr Ida Kaplan (2020)*

Many children/young people who have experienced trauma become isolated as they have lost trust in people and have difficulty understanding social rules. They need to feel safe, so reducing fear and anxiety is essential. Providing an environment of nurture, structure and predictability assists with this. Teaching emotional literacy and strategies to regulate physiological and emotional arousal assists. Securing trusting relationships fundamental to recovery, feeling of belonging, organising thoughts and feelings are a major protective factor.

Restore Dignity, Value and Reduce shame/guilt requires: non-judgemental positive regard; respect for privacy and reducing fears of personal boundaries being invaded; self-disclosure may or may not occur; bear witness to personal story and acknowledge injustices that have occurred.

The Counsellor/Advocate role requires being effective in assisting torture/trauma survivors to integrate their experiences and work towards the recovery goals, a holistic approach is essential. This is at the core of the Foundation’s philosophy. System’s work and advocacy in supporting survivors to rebuild their lives is privileged equally with effective, clinical interventions. One of the central aims of the role is to re-establish the survivor’s sense of trust and control over their own life. Prioritising and goal setting is therefore critical and encouraging survivors to take control in handling their own lives.

Kylie’s contact is: [scoullark@foundationhouse.org.au](mailto:scoullark@foundationhouse.org.au)

### Sylvia Gelman AM MBE Bequest.

The Committee of Management Members of the Bequest are pleased to announce that Tracey Ahern, being successful with her application, has been awarded a grant to enable her to attend the ICW-CIF mid-term Executive Committee Meeting Manila from 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The aim of the grant, worth \$Aus1,500 to cover registration, accommodation and partial airfare, is to enable Tracey to learn, first hand, some of the workings of ICW-CIF and to meet the President and members of the Board as well as delegates from member National Councils. We look forward to hearing of her experience on her return to Melbourne.

Wanting to become more involved and learn more about NCWV? Then why not apply for a Sylvia Gelman AM MBE Award. The Award Programme is open to all NCWV members whether an Individual member or a delegate. It aims to provide the recipient participating in NCWV as a Committee Member or Standing Committee Member, with the skills, confidence and ability to support NCWV advocacy for change in the community in Victoria.

For further information contact Elisabeth Newman Convener of the Committee of Management

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### National Australia Day Events Grants 2024

Applications for the National Australia Day Council's (NADC) Australia Day 2024 Community Events Grants program are now open. Grants are again offered to all local councils and state government bodies. Not-for-profit organisations who received an Australia Day 2023 community grant are also eligible.

Event hosts can apply for a fixed grant of \$10,000 to deliver events on Australia Day that use the NADC's 'Reflect. Respect. Celebrate. We're all part of the story' messaging. Applicants that collaborate with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to incorporate activities that reflect, respect and celebrate their history and culture will be eligible to apply for an additional \$5,000.

Australia Day 2024 Community Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis until the funding pool is exhausted.

**Applications close at 5pm Tuesday 31 October 2023.**

Information [here](#) or by email [grants@australiaday.org](mailto:grants@australiaday.org)

### Transurban Community Grants

**closing date 31 October 2023**

Community grants offer up to \$10,000 for projects bringing **social**, road safety and environmental benefits to communities in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane near Transurban's roads.

Grants are open to a wide range of organisations and initiatives and we encourage inclusion, diversity of thought and innovation. Your society must have DGR status. Areas in Victoria covered by these grants are:

- Merri-bek City Council (formerly Moreland)
- Moonee Valley City Council
- Maribyrnong City Council
- Hobsons Bay City Council
- City of Port Phillip
- City of Melbourne
- Yarra City Council
- City of Boroondara
- City of Stonnington

For information:

<https://www.transurban.com/communities/partnerships-and-grants/community-grants>

### Multicultural festivals & events grant program



Grants of up to **\$50,000** are now available to support multicultural organisations host festivals and events that celebrate, share and preserve their culture. Plus, there's over \$1 million for multicultural events in regional Victoria, thanks to the Regional Multicultural Festivals and Events Fund.

These events are critical for showcasing Victoria's diversity, and ensuring all Victorians can celebrate our state's rich multicultural traditions.

**Applications close 27 October 2023.**

[Learn more and apply now](#)

## Victorian Seniors Festival returns this October: Learn, Love, Live

Senior Victorians are invited to enjoy a full range of events, activities, and free travel when the 2023 Victorian Seniors Festival kicks off this October. Event goers across the state can expect concerts and live music to dances, exhibitions, film festivals and activities – the festival promises something for everyone. For more information or to find out what's on near you, visit Seniors Online or contact your local council, or call 1300 797 210 from 9am to 2pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

[Find out more](#)

For translated resources related to cultural diverse ageing visit the Centre of Cultural Diversity [here](#)



## Disability Royal Commission report release an historic moment



The Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) welcomes the release of the final report from the Disability Royal Commission (DRC), noting the huge significance the report's contents will have for people with disability and their loved ones for decades to come. With 12 volumes and 222 recommendations, the report details the findings of Australia's largest-ever investigation into the experiences of Australians with a disability. The implications will take some time to fully analyse. [Read more](#)

## Join the conversation on Racism in Sport

Tune in to an important conversation about **Racism in Sport** at our annual Kep Enderby Memorial Lecture on **31 October, 12-1.30pm**. Ellen Van Neerven, an award-winning author, editor and educator, of Mununjali Yugambeh (South East Queensland) and Dutch heritage, will deliver the lecture. Afterwards, several leading experts will join Ellen for a panel discussion on racism in sport, reflecting on the profound impact of the Women's World Cup hosted in Australia. This free online event is sponsored by the EU Delegation to Australia. [Register today](#)

## ADVISER NEWS

### Robyn Byrne OAM, from The Economist



Harvard professor Claudia Goldin has won the [Nobel economics prize](#) in recognition of her groundbreaking work examining wage inequality between men and women. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said that Goldin's research "provided the first comprehensive account of women's earnings and labour market participation through the centuries" to reveal "the causes of change, as well as the main sources of remaining gender gap". She becomes only the third woman to win the prize. The prestigious award is worth 11m Swedish kronor (£819,000).

Goldin has charted the work life and incomes of women to show that the Industrial Revolution caused a huge fall in their independent earnings compared with men before a recovery at the turn of the last century that was accelerated by changing attitudes after the second world war. The contraceptive pill allowed women to make further strides but child rearing has proved a permanent block on the progress towards wage equality.

Dating back to the 1980s, “her research reveals the causes of change, as well as the main sources of the remaining gender gap”, the prize-giving body said in a statement. Goldin’s 1990 book, ‘Understanding the Gender Gap: An Economic History of American Women’, was an influential examination of how wage inequality developed over the last 250 years and the defining difference in the modern era was among couples when they first had a child.

“The important point is that both lose,” she told the Social Science Bites blog last year. “Men forgo time with their family and women often forgo their career.” The bulk of the earnings difference between men and women in the same occupation arises largely when they have children, Goldin found.

Randi Hjalmarsson committee member of economic prize committee said “Claudia Goldin’s discoveries have vast societal implications. By understanding the problem and calling it by the right name, we will be able to pave a better route forward.”

The National Council of Women of Victoria congratulate Claudia on this announcement by the Royal Swedish Academy of Science in winning the Nobel Economics prize. This groundbreaking work gives many women agitating for better wages and conditions the information needed to back up their claims.

## OTHER NEWS

### Women Lead the Way for Victoria’s Water Sector

Minister for Water Harriet Shing recently announced the appointment of 125 board members to Victoria’s 18 water corporations, nine Catchment Management Authorities, and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder, bringing new skills and perspectives into the water sector, making the total number of board members 227.

People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds now make up 19 per cent of board appointments across the sector, in keeping with the growing diversity of our regions. Female representation on water boards was as low as 38 per cent in 2014. The appointments announced today mean that 57 per cent of board directors - and 17 out of 28 chair roles across the sector - are now women. The number of Aboriginal board members has also increased to 21. With this increased representation, 19 out of 28 water sector Boards will have an Aboriginal board member.

The new board members will be responsible for guiding Victoria’s water organisations through challenges such as climate change, a growing population and bushfire preparedness. Board appointments also put local people in local leadership roles, with 72 appointments coming from Regional Victoria, meaning Regional Victorians make up 55 per cent of positions. NCWV congratulates the Government for recognising the benefit of having women in these roles and for increasing the number of culturally and linguistically diverse people being appointed to these positions.

### Victoria’s Newest Coroner and County Court Judges

The Victorian Government has appointed a new coroner to the Coroners Court of Victoria and two new judges to the County Court. Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes has announced the appointments of Ingrid Giles as coroner commencing 4 July 2023, with Suzanne Kirton and Andrew Palmer SC as judges of the Country Court commencing 5 September 2023. Coroner Giles has worked as senior legal counsel at the Coroners Court for the past three years, advising coroners on complex coronial cases, appearing as counsel assisting in inquests, and advising on Supreme Court matters. She has represented marginalised women in criminal law and related civil matters in the Magistrates’ and County Courts, including through her work with the Law and Advocacy Centre for Women and Koori Courts Judge Kirton has specialised in construction law and property disputes for almost 30 years.



**2023 Women's Agenda Leadership awards! Friday 13 Oct 2023, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM AEDT**

**Pullman Melbourne on the Park, 192 Wellington Parade East Melbourne, VIC 3002,**

**Book: [The 2023 Women's Agenda Leadership Awards Tickets, Fri 13/10/2023 at 6:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)**

Join us for a gala dinner; lineup of speakers; announcement of winners of 2023 Women's Agenda Leadership Awards  
Enjoy drinks on arrival, followed by a two-course meal.

**Event MC - Kirsty Webeck**, Australian comedian, actor, writer, speaker and presenter.

**Keynote Speaker - Professor Megan Davis**, the Pro Vice-Chancellor Society (PVCS) at UNSW Sydney, also the Balnaves Chair of Constitutional Law, a UNSW Scientia Professor, Professor of Law and Director of the Indigenous Law Centre UNSW Law. She is a Cobble Cobble woman of the Barunggam Nation and a renowned constitutional lawyer and public law expert, focusing on advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Her work extends internationally, through roles at the United Nations, focusing on global Indigenous rights.

**Women make up a greater proportion of ASX300 boards** than ever before, 34.2 per cent of positions (717 out of 2,098), but in positions of power and greater pay— chairs and CEOs— they’re still substantially under-represented.

A recently published study by proxy advisor Ownership Matters looked at public company directors who have served on boards for Australia’s biggest 300 companies in the 2022 financial year. Findings showed one in three non-executive directors are women. Across the 290 sampled ASX300 entities surveyed, only 33 had boards chaired by women and only 4 had a female chair and CEO— they were AMP, Bendigo & Adelaide Bank, Lynas and Spark New Zealand. *“Whilst more than one in three non-executive directors are now female, it is surprising that this cohort has still only produced 33 chairs across the largest 290 companies that we surveyed,”* OM director Dean Paatsch said.

In the ASX100, there’s now no all-male boards remaining. And yet there’s only 10 female chairs and 13 female CEOs.

Despite more women sitting on boards, the study found female directors are still being paid less than their male counterparts. Findings also show female directors are younger than male directors and remain in their positions for shorter periods of time. *“Of the 15 highest paid professional directors in 2022 who received more than \$1 million in fees, only one female features,”* said Paatsch, adding that this shows *“the men are allowing record numbers of female directors into the tent, but are yet to meaningfully hand over the best paid chairing roles.”* By [Brianna Boecker](#)

### **Sobering statistics from Plan International’s Gender Compass**

Despite profound success this year for all things women and girls, Plan International’s [Gender Compass](#) reaffirm the 131-year-[long wait to reach gender equality](#). On Wednesday October 11, [International Day of the Girl Child](#), the Australian NGO released results from a survey of 2500 Australians, assessing respondents’ beliefs, policy preferences and behaviours in relation to gender equality. The results showed more than one in five (22 per cent) Australian parents admit they do not treat their daughters equally to their sons. More than a third (37 per cent) do not believe there is a gender pay gap in Australia. Only 60 per cent of Australians believe women’s sports is of equal standing to men’s sports, in spite of the Matildas’ game-changing success in the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup, the growth of the AFLW and more.



Matildas’ striker Emily Gielnik said turning a blind eye to these staggering figures is unfeasible. *“The next five generations of girls will never see true equality in their lifetimes, and this is unacceptable,”* she said. *“Watching all of Australia get behind the Matildas for the Women’s World Cup was such a massive high for all of us players – seeing girls and boys cheer us on and believe that they too, could be what they were seeing, was so meaningful,”* she said. *“Just as importantly the discussions on equality that we helped ignite – the gender pay gap in society, and funding for women’s sports. “Today, and every day, I am standing with girls because we need to continue utilising this momentum. We cannot afford to be complacent. It is time to act, now.”*

**A new report from Save the Children, [Girls at the centre of the storm: Her planet, her future, her solutions](#)**, was released to mark this year’s **International Day of the Girl**.

The report shows that an estimated 29.9 million teenage girls currently live in the world’s top 10 “child-marriage-climate hotspots”, referring to nations that carry the highest chance that a girl will be both married as a child and impacted by the devastation of climate disasters. The compounding impact of child marriage and climate change on girls has created these hotspots in Bangladesh and sub-Saharan Africa, with the worst affected nations being Central African Republic, Chad and Guinea. These countries are also impacted by conflict, poverty, gender inequality and hunger.

Figures from Save the Children show that in 2021, an estimated 4 million girls in low income countries did not complete their education because of climate-related events. CEO of Save the Children International, Inger Ashing, said it’s time we recognise that the climate crisis is an emergency for girls’ rights globally. *“This research shows the extent to which the climate crisis is jeopardising children’s rights, particularly the rights of girls,”* Ashing said. *“The risks to girls are real. It’s the risk of sexual harassment and abuse girls face in the chaotic aftermath of a disaster. Being forced to marry before they are 18, as families, impoverished by years of droughts, are going hungry and having to make impossible decisions about whose mouths to feed.”*

Ashing points out that less than 2 per cent of national climate plans globally mention girls, or give consideration to their specific needs. *“Girls are demonstrating extraordinary resilience in the face of these challenges, yet their demands and solutions are rarely included in discussions about the planet they will inherit. This is unacceptable,”* Ashing said. *“Urgent and effective investment is key to adapting to climate change, and is particularly critical for children, especially girls who are highly susceptible to the short and long-term impacts.”*



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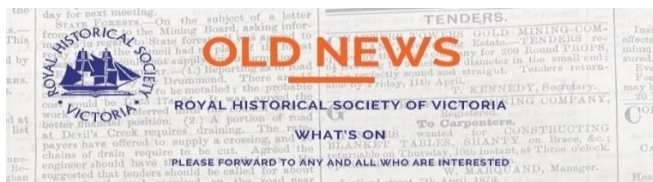
**New accessible trail and sculpture garden now complete in Bacchus Marsh** enables visitors of all abilities to enjoy the sweeping landscapes of the Moorabool Valley. This project is the second stage in the **Bald Hill Activation Plan** and features upgraded shelters, tables, bathrooms and works to ensure the trail is now wheelchair accessible. The additions complement the first stage of the project, which included development of the 1000+ Steps trail, rest stops, a lookout, and road crossings.

The new sculpture garden at the top of the trail includes the new work *Binak Biik* created by the artistic team of Aunty Kim Wandin and Chris Joy depicting four bronze cast woven baskets, basalt rocks and endangered plant species to acknowledge Wurundjeri women as the weavers and connectors within community.

### Triennial to bring a world of art and design to NGV:

From a 100-metre-long artwork woven by artists in Arnhem Land to robot dogs trained to paint, a world of contemporary art and design is coming to NGV this summer for the third NGV Triennial.

**Opening on 3 December** and running throughout summer, Triennial will take over all floors of NGV International on St Kilda Road, featuring works by 100 artists and designers from 30 countries and regions. [Read more](#)



[Home - History Month 2023](#)

### Trivia a Go-Go: **Friday 13 October @ 6:00 PM-9:30 PM**, In person event only. \$25 per person

TRIVIA IS BACK! And Andrew Lemon is once again putting us to the test. So, fancy yourself a bit of a history buff? Of course you do! Time to get competitive and pit yourself against all the other history buffs at the RHSV's world-famous Trivia au go-go. There are some great prizes, and you will be fundraising for the RHSV at the same time.

You can book a table of 8, or members can book individually. If you don't want to organise a group, then you can nominate to join the RHSV table/s where we will mix up the individuals and smaller groups.

To book: <https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/event/trivia-au-go-go-3/>

### Emerging Historians, Element of surprise. **Tuesday 17 October @ 5:30pm for 6pm**. Hybrid Event \$10 | \$20

As part of History Month we partner with Professional Historians Association (Victoria & Tasmania) to host an event where three historians talk about a moment of amazing coincidence or serendipity in their research.

This event will be hybrid – delivered in person at the RHSV's Drill Hall home and via Zoom. For those booking Zoom tickets, the log-in details will be sent to you 24 hours prior to the event.

From 5:30pm to 6pm, as with most RHSV events, we'll be serving refreshments before the lecture starts at 6pm.

An automatic confirmation email is sent to you on booking.





**Kylie Andrews**  
Searching for the ABC's 'lost' women producers



**Nicole Davis**  
In Arcadia: Finding the Owners of Nineteenth-Century Arcades in Australia



**Miranda Francis**  
Footscray High School crèche - oral histories and archives



### **Kylie Andrews—Searching for the ABC's 'lost' women producers**

What was it like to work at the ABC in the 1950s and 1960s? Kylie Andrews will share some insights into what she discovered when writing her book, 'Trailblazing Women of Australian Public Broadcasting, 1945-1975'. Drawing on voices from the past, Kylie will discuss how certain methods proved vital in unearthing surprising evidence, evidence that resuscitates women's forgotten contributions to radio and television in Australia in the post-war decades.

### **Nicole Davis—In Arcadia: Finding the Owners of Nineteenth-Century Arcades in Australia**

Although nineteenth-century arcades in Australia are often viewed as feminine spaces for women to gather and shop in comfort, it is usually men that are identified as those who built and owned these buildings. However, deeper investigation into a variety of archival records reveals that a number of these were the inspiration of or funded by women. Nicole Davis will discuss some famous and some forgotten arcades in Australia, the women that owned or ran them, and the ways that archives can reveal unexpected stories of women's involvement in business and property ownership.



Footscray HS Crèche

### **Miranda Francis—Footscray High School creche – oral histories and archives.**

In this presentation, Miranda Francis will use the micro- history of the Footscray High School creche to illuminate women's changing experience of work and family life in the 1970s. Comparing archival documents and oral history interviews she will reveal the complex interconnections between novel ideas and conservative resistance, and local action and public policy. (Image: Footscray High School Crèche, 1978. Photograph courtesy Jillian Hargreaves.)

### **SHADES OF HAUNTED MELBOURNE, Monday 30 October 6:30pm - 7:30pm**



**RHSV Officers' Mess Upstairs.** Cost \$20 | \$25,

A special Halloween event – not to be missed!

Join historians Dr Jo Clyne and Dr David Waldron as they recount tales of haunted Melbourne through a highly original blend of historical research and magical stage illusion.

Book through Trybooking here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLKOD>



**Annual NCWV Luncheon, Tuesday November 14, William Angliss Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale St.**  
with welcome drink, a two-course meal, tea/coffee, chat, laughter and sisterhood.

This wonderful face-to-face gathering will begin at 12:00pm – more details to follow. **Save the date**

**Our speaker is a real dynamo: Heather Burge**, a retired secondary Maths and Science teacher, and a passionate cyclist with a love of long-distance touring. Over the course of two trips, in 2007 and in 2014 (interrupted by the arrival of a string of grandchildren) she completed a (sometimes solo) journey, by bicycle from **Beijing to Paris**, through China, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Iran, Turkey and along the beautiful Danube through Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Austria, Switzerland into France and on to Paris. This is the story of the countries, the people, the kindness of strangers and the joys of cycling in unknown places way beyond one's comfort zone.

**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; raising awareness of gender equality; act as a voice on issues and concerns of women and girls at 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 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."*

### National Council of Women of Victoria Meeting dates for 2023

October	5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Individual Members & Council Mtgs	11:00, 12:15	<b>Zoom and RH</b>
October	9 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Standing Committee Meeting	16:30	<b>Zoom</b>
October	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA AGM & Conference	13:30-17:30	<b>Sydney</b>
October	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA Governor's Reception	18:00 19:45	<b>Admiralty Hse</b>
October	19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Committee Meeting <b>Royal Historical Society Vic.</b>	10:00	<b>239 A'Beckett St</b>
November	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Council Meeting	<b>17:15</b>	<b>Zoom and RH</b>
November	13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Standing Committee Meeting	16:30	<b>Zoom</b>
November	16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Committee Meeting	10:00	<b>Zoom</b>
November	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Annual Luncheon, William Angliss Restaurant, 550 Lt. Lonsdale St	12:00	<b>In person</b>
December	7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Committee Meeting	10:00	