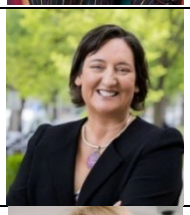
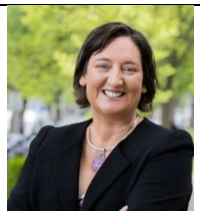
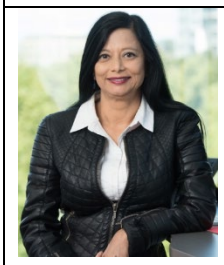
HER EXCELLENCY PROFESSOR THE HONOURABLE MARGARET GARDNER AC, GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA,
PATRON OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN
INVITES YOU TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE
TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY on TUESDAY 3rd MARCH
1700-1930
BY formal registration only

Jacinta Parsons will moderate the NCWV Health Panel - a panel of international leading experts who will discuss the latest updates in Women's Health - the key contributions to Women's Health in Australia, the role of female hormones in these diseases, the importance of tailoring treatment for women and men, the impact of AI on violence towards women and the role of women in leadership to change policy.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Jacinta Parsons<br><br>Moderator | Jacinta Parsons is a radio broadcaster, writer and Author of *"A question of age – Women, Ageing and the forever self*". She currently hosts the Friday Revue and Saturday Mornings on ABC. Jacinta holds leadership and governance roles in the Arts & Music community and is a strong advocate for those living with chronic illness. |
|  | Cassandra Szoeke<br><br>Professor of Healthy Ageing | Professor Szoeke is the PI of the longest-running study of women's health in Australia, est 1990 and author of "*Secrets of Women's Healthy Ageing",* awarded the bestselling title in over 100 years of Melbourne University Publishing and highly commended in the EPAA awards |
| | Helena Teede AM<br><br>Professor of Endocrinology | Professor Teede AM is the Director of Monash Centre for Health Research Implementation, Monash University and an Endocrinologist at Monash Health, who holds an Order of Australia for services to Women's Health. |
| | Jayashri Kulkani<br><br>Professor of Psychiatry | Head of Women's Mental Health at Cabrini Health. Founder and Director of the HER Centre Australia. She conducted groundbreaking clinical research and is internationally recognised as a leader and expert in women's mental health. She developed and established Australia's first women's mental health hospital at Cabrini Health in September 2021. |
| | Sarah Barnbrook<br><br>Founder *Away from Keyboard* | Founder of *Away from Keyboard Inc,* she is a dedicated advocate committed to the prevention of online harm, the impact of emerging technologies, and enhancing the lives of women, children, and carers through trauma-informed leadership, policy advocacy, and global collaboration and AI governance. |
| | The Hon. Ged Kearney MP<br><br>First-ever Assistant Minister of Health | First-ever Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care (Women's Health) and previously Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Social Services and Prevention of Family Violence.<br>The Hon Ged Kearney MP has a clinical background as a registered nurse, and was deputy director of nursing, then moved toward policy initially within the Australian Nursing Federation. She joined the Labor Party in 2018. |

**FULL BIOS OF THE PANEL**

| | |
|---|---|
| <br>Jacinta Parsons | Dr. Jacinta Parsons is a radio broadcaster and author of three books including, '*Unseen: the secret world of chronic illness*'' - and most recently, '*A Wisdom of Age: Lessons on living from our wise elder women*'. She currently hosts the Friday Revue and Saturday Mornings on ABC. Jacinta holds leadership and governance roles in the Arts & Music community and is a strong advocate for women living with chronic illness and changing the narrative for women and ageing. She has worked at community radio station Triple R, and for the ABC at Double J, ABC Radio Melbourne, and ABC Radio National.<br>**https://jacintaparsons.com/** |
|  <br>Professor Cassandra Szoeke | Professor Szoeke is the PI of the longest-running study of women's health in Australia, est 1990 and author of "*Secrets of Women's Healthy Ageing",* awarded the bestselling title in over 100 years of Melbourne University Publishing and highly commended in the EPAA awards.<br>She is internationally recognized for her work examining female specific differences in common health conditions that are experienced by both men and women. She has published hundreds of papers in the medical literature outlining the sex specific differences in cardiovascular, cognitive and mental health and musculoskeletal conditions in women.<br>**https://au.linkedin.com/in/drcsz** |
| <br>Professor Helena Teede | Professor Teede AM is the Director of Monash Centre for Health Research Implementation, Monash University and an Endocrinologist at Monash Health, who holds an Order of Australia for services to Women's Health. Prof Teede's work is underpinned by over 120 formal partnerships for implementation and impact. Research includes mechanistic, clinical, health services/ implementation and public health research and translation into practice and policy. She has established and leads an academic cross-disciplinary team of over 120 staff and students at the Monash Centre for Health Research and Implementation. This team works at the intersection of research, healthcare and education with a vision for Better Care, Better Equity for Better Health. Her work reaches all 195 countries and has been awarded for international engagement.<br>**https://research.monash.edu/en/persons/helena-teede/** |
|  <br>Professor Jayashri Kulkani | Professor Kulkani is Head of Women's Mental Health at Cabrini Health. Founder and Director of the HER Centre Australia. She conducted groundbreaking clinical research and is internationally recognised as a leader and expert in women's mental health. She developed and established Australia's first women's mental health hospital at Cabrini Health in September 2021. She conducted ground-breaking clinical research and is internationally acknowledged as a leader and expert in the field of women's mental health for her innovative work on reproductive hormones and mental illness. Her world-first research in hormones and mental health has led to the development of new treatments for women with mental ill health and she received the Order of Australia (AM) for her services to psychiatry.<br>**https://www.cabrini.com.au/find-a-doctor/profjayashrikulkarni/** |
| <br>Sarah Barnbrook | Founder of *Away from Keyboard Inc,* Sarah is a dedicated advocate committed to the prevention of online harm, the impact of emerging technologies, and enhancing the lives of women, children, and carers through trauma-informed leadership, policy advocacy, and global collaboration and AI governance. She is the 2025 winner of the *Women Changing the World* Global Award recognised for her dedication to ethical technologies and digital safety. She champions ethical artificial intelligence, digital literacy and safeguards against technology-facilitated gender-based violence. She serves as a member of the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) Status of Women Committee.<br>**https://afk.org.au/advocacy** |
| <br>The Hon. Ged Kearney MP | First-ever Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care (Women's Health) and previously Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, Social Services and Prevention of Family Violence.<br>The Hon Ged Kearney MP has a clinical background as a registered nurse, and was deputy director of nursing, then moved toward policy initially within the Australian Nursing Federation. She joined the Labor Party in 2018. As Assistant Minister for Women's Health she announced $ 790million women's health package which focused on improving health services for women including new pelvic pain clinics, funding for endometriosis improving access to IVF contraception and improvements in paid parental leave.<br>**https://www.gedkearney.org.au/** |