



August 2017 Newsletter

Future Directions?

If you are reading this but are also on the mailing list to receive our monthly e.Newsletter you will know that we are coming to the end of one Executive and the induction of a new Committee:

Annual Meeting and election of Office-bearers

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 7 September 2017, 12 noon for 12:15 start. The agenda includes presentation of the 2016-17 Annual Report, Annual Election of Office Bearers for 2017-18 and presentation of Awards.

Please consider offering yourself to serve as part of the leadership team for 2017-18 year or for a support role. This issue of the newsletter includes the Nomination Form, the Bio form for those nominating and the Proxy form if you will be unable to attend the meeting. These are also available electronically: info@ncwvic.org.au or Mob: 0447 351 234

Copies of the report from the *Future Directions* discussion are now available.

**We welcome your participation in our work,
Elisabeth Newman, Interim President.**

NCWV Meetings in August Council meets on Thursday 3 August 2017, noon for 12.15 start at Ross House 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne, Room 4.1 Hayden Raysmith Room. Educator Terri Dry will speak on The Educative Power of Art. Terri has had a seventeen year association with the University of Melbourne Dax Centre, first as a Psychology teacher and later in publicity and collation of the Poetry Collection. Now as a presenter for Wellways a NGO that creates opportunities for inclusion and belonging for people who feel isolated and excluded because of mental health issues. Terri is just back from the UK where she spoke as a panel member at a 'Women in the World' event at the House of Lords chaired by Baroness Margaret Prosser.

Also at Ross House on 3 August, at 10 for 10.30 am start, individual members will meet to review the past year's activities and to elect a representative for the Executive for the coming year. Reminder - August is a Trading Table Month – Please bring and buy! Home cooked contributions should be labelled with ingredients.

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Patron: Ms Emma Page Campbell, Lady Mayoress, City of Melbourne. Our monthly Council meetings are held at noon on the first Thursday of the month Feb to Nov at, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000

This month's NCWV e.Newsletter Quote

Dr June Oscar AO, AHRC Social Justice Commissioner, was in Melbourne on 21 July speaking at the Monash University Castan Centre Human Rights Conference. She noted almost half of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population at present is under the age of 22. "We know that when a child is given the best start in life, that child succeeds throughout their life. We all, of course, would like to see our children and young people succeed. It is incredibly exciting to think of what our children can become and about the type of modern and inclusive Australia they will inherit. We have no choice but to get things right!"

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/news/speeches/children-and-racism>

National Council of Women of Victoria acknowledges that it meets on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and pays its respects to the Elders past and present. In 2013 NCW Victoria committed to 'Working Together.

It is time to ... renew your membership of NCW Victoria

Membership means you can meet others interested having a voice in women's issues at local, state, federal and international levels, build your leadership and community advancement skills by participating in the running of our incorporated association, participate in the voting process at the Annual General Meeting, share your knowledge, skills & experience as a volunteer, speaker or mentor, enjoy member benefits, including newsletters, reports and special event rates, and contribute financially to support our *Civics and Citizenship* program including the annual **My Vote My Voice** student event at the Parliament of Victoria, on the morning of Friday 1 September 2017. [Download 2017-18 Individual and Organisational Membership Forms here](#)

From the Interim President Elisabeth Newman's report to the July Executive

Thanks to those who assisted with the NCWV tasks during my absence, particularly Mavis Lynch, Sheila Byard and Janet Galley. Following the ICW-CIF Board meeting in Ottawa, Board members were invited to attend the 124th AGM and Conference of the NCW Canada which was interesting.

The NC in Canada operates much as NCW within Australia. There are local branches as well as Provincial Councils which are affiliated to NCW Canada. At the national level, the Council appears to be made up of 3 or 4 differing Committees. The one that took my interest is the Administrative Committee which has members responsible for specific tasks, viz: Archives, Finance (Treasurer) Information and Public Relations, Minutes (AGM)), Media and Website, Resolutions and Nominations. Several resolutions were passed.

With the formation of a new Executive in September we in Victoria need to consider ways of making members responsible for specific tasks, working under the guidance of the President and Secretary, with the aim of making NCWV more efficient and spreading the work load. I thank those who attended the NCWA Mid-Term Conference very ably representing NCWV. We now need to turn our attention to *My Vote My Voice 2017* for which Pam Hammond is Convenor; the AGM preparations and then the end of year lunch and the Pioneer Women's Ceremony. Along the way, however, we need to note the outcomes of the *Future Directions* discussion and look to implement suggestions that will enable NCWV become more efficient as well as visible.

AWARD

Elisabeth Newman -The "Women Peace Security" Medal awarded by NCW Ukraine for support of NCW Ukraine was presented to Elisabeth whilst she was in New York for the 2017 session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. (Source - Janet Galley OAM, Honorary Archivist NCW Victoria)

From the Executive

Arrangements for AGM – Time frame for nominations for the AGM includes notice and call for nominations 42 days ahead of the AGM, nominations on the required form with attached bio sheet or CV to the Returning Officer 21 days ahead that is 17 August 2017. Nominees must be paid up members or delegates of organisations that have renewed membership for 2017-18.

Consumer Affairs Victoria - All incorporated associations must use myCAV to lodge annual statements and undertake all transactions and notifications of change. The current secretary (or delegate) uses her own individual myCAV account to use the system, linked to NCWV Inc's incorporated association record. An association must lodge an annual statement every year within one month after its annual general meeting. On or after the association's end of financial year date, CAV emails the association secretary a notification to lodge the annual statement.

Correspondence: By email and Australia Post, including notification from Minister Richardson that the nomination period for Victorian Women's Honour Roll had been extended to Monday 31 July. Copies of the Victoria Police Residential and Personal Security Information Kit were provided by Barbara Latham – it was agreed that 30 copies should be available for the August Council meeting.

Invitations had been received and events attended:

23 July (Sunday) Australian Asian Business Women's Association AGM attended by Elisabeth Newman as Interim President and Dr Pamela Williams OAM.

25 July (Tuesday) WIZO Masada, 45th Anniversary Morning Tea with WIZO World President Ester Mor, WIZO Victoria President Mrs Helen Granek, and WIZO Masada President Caroline Heard (attended by Sheila Byard).

4 August (Friday) - Grandparents Victoria and Kinship Carers Victoria AGM (E.Newman, S.Byard)

21 August (Monday) – Geelong Regional Branch AGM, attendees to include E.Newman, Interim President

21 August (Monday) - Central Gippsland AGM at the Morwell Club); attendees S.Byard and B.Latham

24 August (Thursday)- NCJWA(V) AGM 7.30 pm; 8 September (Friday) WCTU Drugfree Lifestyles 130th Morning Tea;

Financial Report

The July meeting of the Executive received a two page Treasurer's Report. The Westpac Com. Solutions Cheque Account balance as 20 June 2017 \$3,674.60. There was a report from the Finance Committee meeting (Elisabeth Newman, Sheila Byard and Hean Bee Wee) – Reviewed adequacy of present insurance cover with Jardine Lloyd for public liability for members, guests and volunteers and for Executive members as required by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Civics Education - Young women speak - The Local Government Women's Charter 20 years on:

Our schools program, 'My Vote My Voice' 2017 is at the Parliament of Victoria on Friday 1 September.

The event will begin with the welcome, refreshments and photographs in the Queens Hall, from 9 am before speeches at 10 am in the Legislative Council. Students will share their ideas on gender equality and the participation of women in the community, particularly local government past, present and future.

Lead speaker is Michelle Richards, Moorabool Shire Fire Recovery Coordinator, winner of the 2017 Australia Local Government Women's Association Bursary.

Panel members are the Hon. Samantha Dunn, Member of the Legislative Council for Eastern Province, Barbara Abley AM, Geelong's first female mayor and Cr Denise Massoud, Mayor Whitehorse City Council.

Student participants no charge. Adult tickets are \$35, register using Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com//RFPV> Please register as soon as possible.

(Pam Hammond, Education Adviser, and Convenor My Vote My Voice 2017)

Affiliate Notice and Invitations

WCTU Drug Free Lifestyles 130th Anniversary Moring Tea, Friday 8 September, 10.30am

Assembly Hall Building, Robert White Hall First Floor, 156 Collins Street, Melbourne. Guest Speaker, Melinda Tankard Reist, is a well-known author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. She is best known for her work addressing sexualisation of girls, sexual exploitation, trafficking and violence against women. Melinda is also a regular on morning television and has appeared on ABC's Q&A and The Gruen Sessions as well as many other TV and radio programs. She is also an ambassador for World Vision Australia, Compassion Australia and the Raise Foundation. NCWV has booked a table to display its information. YoungNCWVic member Emma Fu is a member of the panel.



Grandparents Victoria and Kinship Carers Victoria are celebrating kinship care at their AGM and annual lunch with Guest speaker Liana Buchanan, Commissioner for Children and Young People, on Friday August 4th Kensington Town Hall, Bellair Street, Kensington. This event is now wait listed. For further information about the work of Grandparents Victoria and the Kinship Carers Network contact Anne McLeish OAM at director@grandparents.com.au or the GPV/KCV office (03) 9372 2422



This is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, a time to for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children.

Standing Committees/Advisers (May Hu OAM JP Coordinator)

The next meeting of Standing Committees/Advisers will be on Tuesday 8 August at 4 pm at Ross House, Room 2.1. The agenda includes Brief report on NCWA Conference in Canberra – from the perspective of SC work, Review of Reports supplied for AGM, Discussion of how to improve the efficiency of Standing Committees, progress with the *My Vote My Voice 2017 student event*, on Friday 1 September at the Parliament of Victoria, Advisers for 2017-18, including nominations to convenor/advisors.

Final Meeting for 2017 will be 4pm Tuesday 10 October 2017 (Ross House Room 2.1). Note: Please notify May Hu of your attendance/apologies for the meeting.

Thanks to those who have already donated to support the work of YoungNCWVic, the annual **My Vote My Voice** program, and NCW Victoria's **Civics and Citizenship Awards**.

Account name: National Council of Women of Victoria Inc.

Bank: Westpac 263 Victoria Street Abbotsford 3067 **BSB:033031**

Account Number: 263920

Reference: Please provide your last name and initial and word – CACA2017

2017 NCWA Mid-Term Conference Report (Sarah Morgan, NCWVic Youth Adviser)

NCWA sponsored young members from across Australia to attend the Mid-Term conference in Canberra that ran from June 13-16. This year Gauri Kapoor and Sarah Morgan from Victoria attended workshops and the conference on the Wednesday and Thursday on behalf of the Young NCWVic group, with the help of some additional funding from NCWV. The mid-term conference this year had the theme: **Future Directions, our Council, our voice – Driving Cultural Change.** The program was:

Wednesday afternoon – Young NCWA workshop

Frances Crimmins, YWCA, Leadership with integrity - This session focused on self-reflection and our own personal values, concentrating on 4 principles of Self-reflection, Balance, Self-confidence, Genuine humility (values when in a position of responsibility!)

Genevieve Jacobs, ABC morning radio, Canberra - Communication/social media awareness: Local focus, how she got to where she is today, speaking with integrity, truth and honesty, speaking with own voice.

Zoe Ralph, Author/presenter - The art and practice of Assertiveness: How to present as a confident person, Body language.

Wednesday evening - The after-dinner session was Discovering our Herrmann Brain Dominance Instrument (HBDI), we learnt what part of our brain we preferred to use and also how personality traits link with this preference.

Thursday Morning - Breakfast at Parliament House for the official launch of Young National Council of Woman Australia by senator The Hon Michaela Cash (Minister for Women), Meet and group picture with Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Malcolm Turnbull, Voting on the proposed resolutions.

Thursday Afternoon - Presenters were Penny Leemhuis, O.W.L.s, on Older women and homelessness, Susan McGrath, COTA Australia on Economic Security for older women and Anusha Goonetilleke, Canberra Community Law, on Difficulties of navigating the legal system for older women experiencing homelessness.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF VICTORIA INC.

NOMINATION FORM

In accordance with NCWV Constitution Article 21.1
Nominations are called for the
Executive Committee for the Year 2017-2018

- President []
- Vice President A. []
- Vice President B. []
- Vice President Regional (elected by Regional Delegates) []
- Hon. Secretary (Public Officer) []
- Hon. Treasurer []
- State Co-ordinator Standing Committees (Advisers) []
- General Member of Committee (5 places) []

Please tick the appropriate box

We, being Delegate(s) or Individual Member(s) (Please print names)

Hereby nominate (Print name) _____

Moved by (signature) _____

And seconded by (signature) _____

Agreement of nominee (signature) _____ Date _____

**All nominations accompanied by a completed Bio form, must be received at NCWV office by COB,
17 August 2016**

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APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

An Affiliate delegate or Associate (Individual) member may give notice in writing one hour before the start of the annual general meeting to the Secretary of his or her nominated proxy who must be a member of Council.

This form can be used to register a proxy. No financial member shall hold more than two (2) proxies.

I _____

Of _____

Being a Delegate for _____

Hereby appoint _____

Being a member of an Affiliated organization as my proxy to vote at

OR

Being an Associate (individual) member of the National Council of Women of Victoria

Hereby appoint _____

Being a member of the National Council of Women of Victoria as my proxy to vote at

Signed _____ Date _____

Email to info@ncwvic.org.au or post to

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PROGRAM FOR 2017
National Council of Women Victoria

January

19th (Thursday)- Annual Australia Day Women's Ceremony, Pioneer Women's Garden Kings Domain, 10.15 for 10.30am start– end 11.30 am

February

2nd (Thursday) NCWV Council meeting Melbourne Town Hall, 12 noon for 12.15 start end 2pm

16th (Thursday) – Executive meeting, 12-2 pm

March

2nd (Thursday) - 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting –

30th (Thursday) - Executive meeting, 12-2 pm

April

6th (Thursday) - 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting, 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, including Trading table.

27th (Thursday) Executive meeting, 12 noon - 2 am

May

4th (Thursday) 9.30- 11.30 Standing Committee Roundtable (Law Week), followed by 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting with Dr Shirin David

18th(Thursday) Executive meeting, 12-2 pm Ross House

24th (Wednesday) Youth Forum, Parliament of Victoria. 5.30 for 6 pm finish 8 pm.

June

1st (Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting ,12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, including Trading Table.

8th (Thursday) Executive meeting, 12- 2 pm, Ross House

14 -16th NCWA Mid-Term Conference, Rydges Canberra

19th (Monday) Annual Luncheon NCWV Geelong Branch

July

6th(Thursday) 12 noon for 12.15 start, NCWV Council meeting 10.15-11.30 'Future Directions'

20th (Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

August

4th (Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting, 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, inc. Trading Table

15th (Thursday) Executive meeting,

September

1st (Friday) 10 am start – 12 noon finish *My Vote My Voice* Event Parliament of Victoria.

7th (Thursday) 10.15–NCWV AGM Ross House 12 noon for 12.15 start Women Health Week

21st(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

October

5th(Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members followed by, 12 noon for 12.15 start, NCWV Council meeting Individual Members Group Excursion - date and time TBC.

19th–(Thursday) Executive meeting,

November

2nd (Thursday) 10.30 am Morning Tea. 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting,

16th (Thursday) Executive meeting,

December

7th (Thursday) 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Christmas Lunch at William Angliss

TBC 15th(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

NOTE: Council meetings are on the first Thursday of each month Feb-November at Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane beginning at 12.15pm sharp and finish no later than 2.15pm Individual Members Group meetings also at Ross House begin at 10.15am for 10.30 am, Trading Table – please bring items for sale