

December 2018 Newsletter

From the President:

This December marks the 70th Anniversary of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948. The 30 Articles can be read at: <http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/index.html> We need to consider this Declaration in our work.

I take this opportunity to wish you a joyous and safe Festive Season. I look forward to working with you next year. I hope to welcome you to the Australia Day Pioneer Women's Ceremony, Monday 21st January 2019, at the Women's Peace Garden Kensington; it is a magical place.

Quote: UN Article 2. *Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.*

Speaker at November Council Meeting:

Debra Saffrey-Collins, Head of the Chaplaincy team at the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL), the first woman and the first lay person to do so in the history of the BSL. Her role is particularly in the care of the staff and volunteers (1200) of the agency, now numbering 2500 people. Debra explained that the BSL is a welfare agency of the Anglican Church. It was started in 1930 by Priest Gerard Tucker, who wanted to develop a broad religious community. Throughout its nearly ninety years the BSL has sought to make a difference where disadvantage is most keenly experienced. She said 1 in 7 children are in poverty, many young people living on \$2.90 per day. Gerard became a chaplain while serving in WWI and buried 100s, collecting their possessions and writing to families. On his return, joined with Guy Cox and Michael Clark to form the beginnings of BSL. After WWII it grew to the BSL, the multi-faith organisation we know. He advocated for the poor and created a film on the reality of poor parts of Melbourne that resulted in housing redevelopment. He was also appalled by the lack of Government support for those affected by floods in India. This was the start of Community Aid Abroad. He lobbied GJ Coles to donate to the development of

Carrum Downs housing for residents of city slums.

The BSL programs and services support disadvantaged people of all ages to build better lives for themselves. The aim is to develop innovative services that are often adopted by community organisations and governments. They aim to have no poverty in Australia (financial, emotional). They are involved in the Early Years, owning Kinders/Child Care and running the HIPPY program with parents and children learning English and parenting skills, many then becoming tutors. BSL supports Refugees and Asylum seekers; give financial support, including superannuation advice, to women and others; NDIS; also they have Aged and Dementia facilities. Social cohesion and sense of community is the continuing focus.

58th Australia Day Pioneer Women's Ceremony:

This event will be held on Monday 21st January in the Women's Peace Garden, Epsom Road Kensington, 10:00 for 10:30am start, finishing at around 11:30am. The garden was designed with the 'peace' symbol and the 'female' symbol. Bluestone pavers form a circle with a Y inside to create a peace sign in the grass. The circle joins at a + symbol created by the shelter to form the female symbol. This park was built on the old Newmarket saleyards which closed in the 1980s, after which they were developed into medium density housing. The heritage of the area has been remembered with many of the old peppercorn trees also the bluestone paths and post and rail fences. The garden was built in 1986 to commemorate the International Year of Peace. It was designed by a team of women, including Eleanor Sumner, with plants chosen to fit with the colours of the Women's Movement and to symbolise remembrance. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, the Right Honourable Sally Capp will be the speaker.



Melways 2T, G3. Street parking available in Market St and Woodruff St. There is Flemington Rd tramline and Newmarket train station. This is a free event, all are welcome, but to ensure we have sufficient chairs and water (BYO bottle), please reply to this invitation by email: info@ncwvic.org.au

NCWV's My Vote My Voice Friday 31 August Update:

This was held in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament of Victoria, with the 2018 theme: *Diversity in Community Organisations*. There were 60 students from 12 schools in attendance, with 24 students making three-minute presentations. All spoke extremely well. Examination of the evaluation forms from the panel members: Hon Samantha Dunn MLC; Barbara Abley AM, Geelong's first woman mayor; Cr Cuc Lam, Mayor of Maribyrnong; Dr Debra Towns as Adjudicator and others has resulted in the following awards being determined, a very difficult task!

Individual Awards:

- * Pat Goble Award, donated by Ann C Jackson to Luciana Nicholson Marshall, University High School;
- * Bronwyn Badham Award, donated by NCWV Individual Members, to Iona Bulford, The Geelong College.

Group Awards:

- * Peg Rule Award, donated by NCWV Central Gippsland Branch, to Westall Secondary College;
- * Ada Norris Award, donated by Lorna English, to Lowther Hall Girls' School;
- * Marie Kirk Award, donated by WCTU, to Fintona Girls' School;
- * Elva Carland Award, donated by NCWV Geelong Branch, to Oberon High School;
- * 115th NCWV Anniversary Award, donated by NCWV Individual Members, to Al Siraat College, Epping
- * Sylvia Gelman Award, donated by Eleanor Sumner, to Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School.



Fintona Girls' School



Oberon HS, Geelong



Luciana Nicholson Marshall



Ivanhoe GGS with Samantha Dunn MLC



Lowther Hall students with Katie Hobley



Al Siraat College (2 speakers in middle)



Westall Sec College



The Geelong College



End of Year Festive Luncheon

This was held on **Monday 26th November** at William Angliss Institute, Angliss Restaurant. In using this restaurant, we were supporting William Angliss catering students in their learning and work experience. Food was very good. There was the usual fine display and raffle of festive baskets from many nations generously provided by NCWV members.



May Hu and Anne Neil



Roslyn Rogers (on right) with Executives Hean Bee, Elisabeth & Freda

Guest Speaker was Roslyn Rogers OAM, founder of KOGO. (Knit One Give One). Ros qualified as a pharmacist in 1974. She learnt to knit as an eight year old and never lost the passion for this activity. In 2004, prompted by a very cold winter, Ros decided to combine her passion for knitting with her love of helping people and started KOGO in order to distribute warm winter hand knits to people in need. From its humble beginnings of 180 scarves that first year, KOGO has grown into the major organisation that it is today, with over 5000 volunteer knitters across Australia. This year KOGO has distributed over 84,000 warm winter woollies through over 250 community groups to the most vulnerable in our community and this year it is well on its way to setting a new record. The KOGO volunteer knitters make a whole range of items – including scarves, beanies, blankets, toys, children’s and babies’ clothing. In 2017 Ros was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for her work in setting up KOGO. Money collected at the Luncheon was donated to support **KOGO**.



A table of NCWV Delegates with Janet Park, Vice-President



Robyn (nee Foster), Pat Phair, Pam, Beryl Foster, Elisabeth



Other News

From Government House: The Current Major Challenges in Global Health - Innovative Solutions from Victorian Scientists will be the focus a Public Lecture at Government House, Melbourne. The Governor of Victoria, the Hon. Linda Dessau AC, and Mr Anthony Howard QC invite members of the public to attend a free public lecture at Government House, Melbourne on **Monday 10 December 2018**. Leading global health experts working in Victoria, Professor Alan Lopez AC, Professor Caroline Homer AO and Professor Sharon Lewin will speak on the contributions being made by Victorian scientists to some of the most pressing issues in global health, including maternal and child health, HIV and the global burden of disease. Professor Brendan Crabb AC will facilitate a panel discussion with the speakers. Refreshments will be served following official proceedings. Attendance is free, however registration is essential as seating is limited. Dress is smart casual or business attire. Attendees are asked to bring a form of photo identification, and will be required to undergo security screening involving wand and bag checks on arrival at Government House. Please note there is no parking on site for this event. **Gates open at 5.00 pm**. Please be seated by 5.45 pm. You can register using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/government-house-public-lecture-current-major-challenges-in-global-health-tickets-52336998371>

ROSS HOUSE EVENT: End of Year Celebration 2018: This will kick off at 3pm (until 5pm), Thursday 13th December with scrumptious canapés and drinks. Joining us on the day is very special guest, ULTRAFOX, who will be playing some beautiful French gypsy jazz. Please pass this invitation along and kindly **RSVP by 7th December 2018**.

A Women's Museum – an Australian first - Visibility equals voice; Visibility equals respect

Her Place Women's Museum Australia has warmly welcomed the announcement of the establishment of a national Women's Museum at Clarendon Terrace, and the \$1 million grant from the State Government to the National Trust. "This is an Australian first and a huge milestone for Australian women," said Mary Delahunty, Her Place Director and Treasurer, who was at Clarendon Place when the then Minister for Women, the Hon Natalie Hutchins MP, made the announcement. "Australian women can look to the future by examining – and celebrating – our past. Our stories, so often neglected or disregarded, will finally have 'a room of their own' – in fact, two whole floors of the beautiful Clarendon Terrace in East Melbourne, and a digital outreach. "We invite everyone to come but, of course, we hold special hopes that young women and girls will be inspired by what they discover by women who have gone before. The museum, as well as collecting and telling stories, and holding artefacts and archives, will deliver dynamic educational programs for teachers and students and host topical public events." Delahunty said more financial support would be necessary. "Her Place has a home, but we will still need more support to make Her Place's vision a reality. We now invite the generous support of women, and all those who support women and gender equality, to become involved to ensure our stories are told, and to help advance the status of women throughout Australia," Her Place Board Chair, Mary Stuart, who was overseas said, that a women's museum is an idea whose time had well and truly come. "Over the past three years, with some seeding funding from The Victorian Government, and a lot of hard work from volunteers and a few very part-time staff, Her Place has delivered ten exhibitions – four in Melbourne and six in regional Victoria. They've attracted thousands of people," Stuart said.

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Shrine of Remembrance  **For Humanity** - Until 24 March 2019, West Gallery

What does it mean to save lives as others are taking them? Medics on the frontline give gripping accounts of their experiences. Stories of immense trauma are offset against moments of touching humanity. Sometimes when the stakes are high it is these flashes of compassion and humanity that endure. [More information](#)



**United Nations
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Victorian Division**

2019 UNAA Study Tours - program released

We are thrilled to release our program for our 2019 small group tours to the UN. After our successful inaugural tours to the UN in Geneva and New York City in 2018, we will again visit these centres in 2019. We are also gauging interest for a tour to UN and other international organisations in Vienna. Tours are planned as follows:

19-25 May: Geneva; 26 May to 1 June: Vienna; 20-26 October: New York City

[Click here](#) to access all the details of the tours.

“The UNAAV Study Tour to New York proved to be an invaluable and thoroughly enjoyable experience. We were provided with unique insight into the priorities, plans and projects of the UN and its agencies, and given the opportunity to make connections and learn from people working within the organisation, including many Australians” - Dani Pallister, NYC Tour 2018.

Our mission statement: *National Council of Women of Victoria Inc. - is a non-party-political, non-sectarian, not-for-profit, umbrella organisation with broadly humanitarian and educational objectives. It seeks to raise the awareness of women as to their rights and responsibilities as citizens and encourages their participation in all aspects of community life.*

NCWV Dates for 2019 (more details in next newsletter)

January: Monday 21st: 58th Australia Day Pioneer Women’s Ceremony, Women’s Peace Garden, Kensington.

February: Thursday 7th: Individual Members 10:15am, Room 4.1 Ross House
Council meeting 12:15pm, Room 4.1 Ross House.

Monday 11th: Standing Committee meeting, Room 2.1 Ross House, 4:30-6:00pm

Thursday 21st: Executive meeting, RHSV ground floor meeting room, 10:00am-12:00pm

March: Thursday 7th: Council meeting Room 4.1 Ross House, time to be determined.

Thursday 21st: Executive meeting, RHSV ground floor meeting room, 10:00am-12:00pm

April: Thursday 4th: Council meeting Room 4.1 Ross House, 12:15pm.

Monday 8th: Standing Committee meeting, Room 2.1 Ross House, 4:30-6:00pm

Thursday 18th: Executive meeting, RHSV ground floor meeting room, 10:00am-12:00pm

May: Thursday 2nd: May Forum

Note

- Council meetings held at Level 4 Ross House, Room 4.1, Flinders Lane, Melbourne
- Council meetings begin sharply at 12.15pm and finish no later than 2.15pm
- Individual Members’ meetings every 2nd month begin at 10.15 – 11.30am in the same room
- Trading Table – please bring items for sale. All food items to have all ingredients listed.
- Executive meetings held at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, A’Beckett St Melbourne
- Standing Committee meetings, 4:30pm, Room 2.1, Level 2 Ross House.

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