

# NCWV Inc. Brochure

## What NCWV offers its members:

- Opportunities to meet regularly with women who share concerns on issues, including inequality affecting women, children and the whole community.
- Newsletters
- Monthly meetings with topical speakers or workshops on relevant issues
- Opportunities to contribute actively to the work of the Council through membership of the Committee or Standing Committees
- Occasional forums on topical issues
- Special Events: such as: Celebration of Pioneering Women in January; International Women's Day in March
- A voice on issues relevant to women and their families through representation to State and Federal governments and, internationally, via ICW-CIF to the United Nations.
- Occasional publications:
  - Valuing the volunteer, 40 years on - Women Still Volunteering; NCWV Regional Branch History -75 yrs, A Cultural Indulgence - stories and food from around the World; Heart HealthCare and Respect brochures.
- Branch meetings in Geelong
- Initiatives: Rural Women's Voice, Respect Programme, My Vote My Voice
- Meeting of Individual Members - 5 times per year

## Our Connections

The NCWV is an affiliate of the National Council of Women of Australia (NCWA), established in 1931. Through NCWA we are linked to the International Council of Women (ICW-CIF) established in 1888. ICW-CIF has Category 1 consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Membership of NCWV opens doors to a global exchange of views on matters affecting the lives of women, children and families all around the world.

The National Council of Women of Victoria is an umbrella organisation for women and provides a diverse forum for the exchange of information and ideas.

Individual members and representatives of affiliated organisations work together to achieve lasting change for women and families.



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# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF VICTORIA INC

Founded in 1902

Patron-in-Chief:  
 Her Excellency the Honourable  
 Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

*National Council of Women of Victoria, (NCWV), is a non-party-political, non-sectarian, not-for-profit, umbrella organisation with broadly humanitarian and educational objectives, empowering women and girls and raising awareness of gender equality.*

## MEETINGS

Council meetings, open to all members, are held on the first Thursday of each month February through to November, 4th floor Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne.

**Address all correspondence to:**  
 The Honorary Secretary,  
 National Council of Women of Victoria Inc.  
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## THE BEGINNING

Established 1902, the National Council of Women of Victoria is one of the oldest women's organisations in Victoria. It is non-sectarian and non-party political, encouraging the participation of women in all aspects of community life.

### At the first NCWV congress in 1903 among the subjects debated were:

- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- The Rights of the Child
- Technical Education for Women

These are still on the agenda today!

### Recent Achievements include:

- Rural Women's Voice
- Migrant Women's Voice
- Youth program
- Going to a City Hospital Brochure
- "My Vote My Voice" students speaking at Parliament House
- Promotion of International Women's Day

### Current Issues - action on:

- Homeless older women
- Women in Prisons
- Violence against Women
- Children in Out of Home Care
- Trafficking of Women
- Aged Care and Safety
- Women's Heart Health
- Cyber Bullying of the younger person
- Youth Mental Health

## GOALS

Through advocacy, work for the empowerment of women and families and promote equal status for women in law and fact. Develop policies and responses on behalf of women on a statewide basis. Act as a voice on issues and concerns of women at state and regional levels. Link with the women of Australia and the International Council of Women through the National Council of Women of Australia and contribute to the implementation of their plans of action and policies.

### Structure of National Council of Women of Victoria

The Committee, which meets monthly, consists of:

- A President
- Vice President x 2
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Coordinator Standing Committees
- Representatives of Individual Members, Regional Branches and Young NCWV
- A number of ordinary members

NCWV can form Regional Branches. It currently has one regional branch in Geelong.

NCWV has a strong network of Standing Committees including Communications, General Wellbeing, Social Issues, Status of Women and Sustainable Development. The Advisers prepare reports and submissions on a wide range of issues.

Further work is undertaken on projects and special events by members as individuals or in project groups.

Council Membership categories are Organisation members who are each entitled to two representatives who meet at monthly Council meetings (10 times per year) and Individual Members.

## MEMBERSHIP

There are two categories of membership:

1. Organisations and Individuals (including Young members)
2. Your organisation can become affiliated to the National Council of Women of Victoria, or you can personally join as an Individual Member.

Fill out the slip below and send to:

National Council of Women of Victoria Inc.  
 PO Box 18186, Collins Street East VIC 8003

Application forms are available on the website.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Organisation or Individual: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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