



National Council of Women of Victoria
May 2016 Newsletter

Volunteers - Let's hear it for us

National Volunteer Week 2016 is 9-15 May gives us a chance to congratulate ourselves for our voluntary work and to thank others who willingly donate 'time and talents', service and skills, for the benefit of others, without being paid.

For National Councils of Women across Australia, and for our affiliated organizations, volunteering is what makes our work possible. However staff in some enterprises seem rather dismissive of volunteers, and people from other countries seem to find our willingness to volunteer a strange thing to do.

One way or another, volunteering still seems a very Australian thing to do. From the 2010 Census, it appeared that 38% of women aged 18 years and over were volunteers compared to 34% of men. And Regional Australians (41%) were more likely to volunteer than Australians who lived in major cities (34%). While all capital cities have high volunteering rates compared to other parts of the world, Darwin shows the greatest percentage of volunteers (43%). <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by+Subject/4125.0~Jan+2012>

Willingly giving time to do work for an organisation or community group, on an unpaid basis, can be rewarding for individuals, young or old.

However care needs to be taken that the relationship between the volunteers and those they help, especially the organisations where they make their contribution, is based on mutual respect and common understandings about the work that is to be shared.

In this issue of NCW Victoria News we are featuring material from the Volunteering Victoria a great resource both for organisations looking to encourage volunteers, and for individuals considering becoming volunteers
<http://volunteeringvictoria.org.au/national-volunteer-week/> together with some fresh volunteering opportunity for you with NCW Victoria.

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Next month's Council meeting 12 noon for 12.15 start, 2 June 2016, Level 4, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Focus on Housing with NCW Victoria member

Women's Property Initiatives. CEO Jeanette Large, will speak about their current program and new initiatives. Thursday 2 June is also the bi-monthly **Individual Members' meeting** - 10.15 for 10.30am.

Trading Table— please bring and buy! Home cooking should be labelled with ingredients. We suggest you price good before bringing them to Ross House.

Affiliates of the month: Beta Sigma Phi

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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 February to November in the Hayden Raysmith Room, Level 4, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000

About Women's Property Initiatives (WPI)

WPI works with established and new partners, within the private, public and non-government sectors, to identify and develop innovative ways of improving access to long-term affordable housing for disadvantaged women and their children.

WPI is currently working on development opportunities to increase the supply of affordable, long-term rental housing to low-income women and their families.

Jeanette Large CEO, Company Secretary & Principal Estate Agent, has a Bachelor of Behavioural Science and a Graduate Diploma in Business Management, together with extensive experience across the housing sector. She joined WPI as Development Manager in 2005, becoming Chief Executive Officer in 2009. In October last year Jeanette was finalist for the not for profit sector in the 2015 Telstra Business Women's Awards.

Pink sheet exercise at the May 2016 Council meeting:

This is an opportunity to review a number of the recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Family Violence including the 65 listed for funding under the May Budget.

Among the topics will be:

Recommendations in relation to translation and interpreting arrangements (May Hu JP)

Recommendations in relation to schools programs/ curriculum (Pam Hammond)



The Royal Commission on Family Violence Report is received by the Clerks of the Parliament. Source

<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/news/2981-report-presented-on-family-violence>

From the Executive

Membership fees: – At the April Executive meeting, it was agreed that for the financial year for 2016-17 the fees should remain as

- Organisation with 2 delegates \$160
- Individual members \$80 full rate, \$60 concessional rate.
- While a small organisation may request a lower rate and have one only delegate, this must be approved and minuted by the Executive.
- If a new membership is received after March 31 in a given year, the fee covers the following year.

Fees for YoungNCWVic – It was agreed that membership of YoungNCWVic will open to those women between the ages of 18 and 30 and the fee for 2016-17 be \$30. Membership also to be available, without fee, to nominees from member organisations of NCW Victoria and to students of 16 -18 who have participated in Young NCWVic events.

Secretary's Report (Dr Pamela Williams OAM)

Renewals of membership 2015-16/pre-payments for 2016-17 - Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition, Korovians, and expected from Legacy.

Memberships: Membership runs from 1 July to June 30. Anyone planning to stand for election for 2016-17 must be a paid-up individual member or a delegate of an affiliated organisation that has paid its 2016-17 subscription.

Preparations for the AGM

A review is in progress of organisational and individual member registers, to check that addresses and contact information is up to date prior to sending notices for renewal of membership and the AGM.

Inward/outward mail: As per Correspondence Book and as in May Newsletter. Letters of support have been supplied for member organisations NCJWA(V) with NACWA, and for VIRWC for their annual Mosaic Festival to be held in October in the current grants round of OMAP/Victorian Multicultural Commission.

Invitations received:

May 16 to June 3, 10.00 am to 5 00 pm daily, Her place Women's Museum Pop-Up Exhibition
Melbourne Town Hall Room, Cnr Swanston and Little Collins Sts, full program of talks www.herplacemuseum.com

May 24 (Tuesday) 7.45 - 9:30 pm, Glen Eira College, NCJWA(V) Mina Fink Memorial Lecture, Elana Sztokman, Scholar-in-Residence, Noted feminist writer, researcher, educator, in the field of Orthodox Jewish feminism, entry \$12, bookings for this and other Melbourne events (03) 9044 5401, www.ncjwavic.org.au/events

June 24 (Friday) Australian Church Women AGM Friday 24th June 2016 at 10.15 am, Chellew Room, VCC Rooms, Fourth Floor, Causeway House, Causeway Lane, between Bourke and Little Collins Sts.

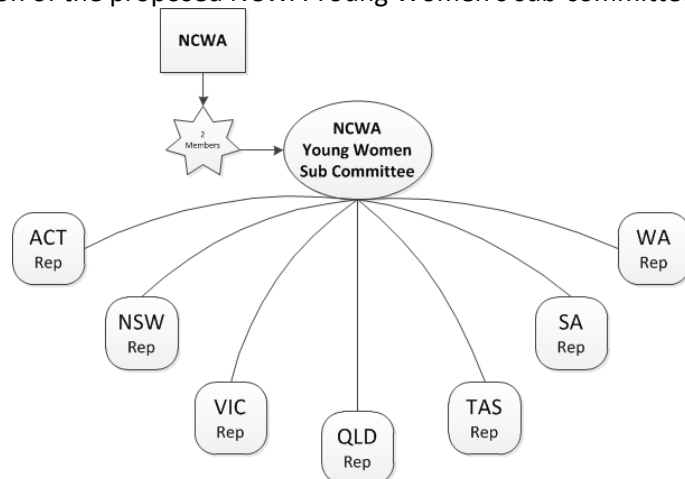
Standing Committees/Advisers Report (May Hu JP) At the meeting on April 19, reports were made by Pam Hammond (Education) about how the Victorian curriculum is educating school students about building respectful relationships and helping them to develop a better understanding of gender and sexuality. May Hu discussed the increasing problem of Internet scams (emails, dating websites and social media). Elisabeth Newman reported on her attendance at CSW in New York where the Australian Government ran several workshops on the issue of family violence. Gauri Kapoor spoke about the report from the Royal Commission on Family Violence. Key recommendations include replacing refuges with safety hubs, creation of a special interactive Government website for victims, the criminalisation of forced marriage and dowry and the special training of interpreters working with victims of family violence. Advisers are encouraged to connect with advisers in other states. Thought needs to be given to resolutions for the 2017 NCWA midterm conference. Next meeting – 4pm Tuesday 14 June, Room 2.1, Ross House, 275 Flinders Lane.

News from National - NCWA Young Women's Sub-Committee approved:

At the April 2016 NCWA Board meeting it was agreed to form a NCWA Young Women's Sub-Committee, in order to ensure that NCWA's purpose includes the views of young women but to also provide the basis to enable the expansion and continuation of NCWA's legacy in promoting and achieving equality for women.

The NCWA Young Women's sub-committee is to include NCWA Board members (2), NCWA Young Women's committee (4) and a Young Women's member from each Constituent Council. It is proposed that the Young Women's sub-committee meet monthly via teleconferencing to enable effective interaction and to establish a work program of key issues to be considered.

A diagrammatic representation of the proposed NCWA Young Women's sub-committee is shown below.



The establishment of the NCWA Young Women's Sub-Committee aims to :

- establish a network of young women between NCWA and Constituent Councils;
- provide the opportunity to encourage the participation and membership of young women to join NCWA and its Constituent Councils;
- research specific issues that are facing young women for consideration by NCWA and to escalate to appropriate bodies and/or Federal or State Governments;
- promote women's issues and provide opportunities to canvass issues through social media;
- implementation of key recommendations arising from the 180 Degrees Report; and
- assist in organising events for NCWA and Constituent Council

News & events from NCW Victoria Affiliates:

Please note that items for publication should be received by the end of the 3rd week of the month.

Friday 13th May, Families Week Luncheon, 12pm Kensington Town Hall, Bellair Street, Kensington
What is happening to children’s play? Guest Speaker - Robyn Monro-Miller, CEO Network of Community Activities, International Play Association. Robyn will talk about the value of play, its changing nature and international efforts to improve its quality. A buffet luncheon, a glass of wine or soft drink with tea and coffee to follow will be provided. Guests will be invited to give a \$10 donation towards the cost of their luncheon. There is plenty of parking around the town hall and the Newmarket railway station is a 150 metres walk away, rsvp: Friday 6th May, 2016 GPV: Ph: (03) 93722422 E/mail: director@grandparents.com.au

Regional Reports

Central Gippsland Branch (Jan Baxter, President) The April meeting was at Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, Traralgon and included a tour of facilities. Centenary House is a community-based, not-for-profit accommodation for patients and families attending the Gippsland Cancer care Centre at Latrobe hospital. (Diana McNeill, Hon. Sec.)

Geelong Branch (Janice Latham, President) Rysia Rosen OAM spoke at the April meeting. Speaker for the Geelong Branch luncheon on Monday 22 June, will be Patti Manolis CEO Geelong Regional Library and Heritage Centre. Tickets are available for \$50. (Photo celebrating NCW IWD visit, 8 March 2016 , courtesy [Coco Griffiths](#), Geelong Regional Library)



IMG Individual Members Group (Barbara Brown Convenor) Nominations are sought for Convenor and Minute Secretary of the IMG for 2016-17. The AGM for IMG is on the morning of Thursday 4 August. Further inquiries are being made as to whether a visit to the Islamic Museum is feasible on a day other than a normal meeting day. Bank balance: \$270

Working Together

National Council of Women of Victoria acknowledges that its meetings are held on the land of the traditional owners the *Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation*, and we pay our respect to the elders past and present.

IMAGINE VICTORIA WITHOUT THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERS

READ MORE

You are invited to join a committee or apply for an Executive position. Capable and enthusiastic volunteers needed. Committee and working group positions available:

Expressions of interest are invited for these positions for the coming year and should be forwarded to the Secretary ncwvic@bigpond.com by the end of May 2016

- Budget, Grants and Finance Working Group
- Constitution Working Group
- Events and Speakers Group
- Front of house Team
- Library and Archives
- Media and Communications Team
- Office, Membership and Records Team
- YoungNCWVic group

Nominations for the NCW Victoria Executive for 2016-17: For the election to be held on Thursday 1 September 2016, the closing date for nominations is Thursday 11 August 2016. Nominations for the following positions are made using the relevant form, signed by two members of NCW Victoria and by the candidate. A completed resume form should be supplied.

- President
- Secretary (Public Officer)
- Treasurer
- Vice Presidents (2)
- Regional Vice President
- Co-coordinator Advisers/Standing Committees
- Five (5) elected committee members who should be willing to serve as a convenor of one or another working group as above.
- A member from each Victorian Branch to be appointed by the member Branch prior to the annual general meeting of Council
- A representative of the Individual Members Group, selected by the Individual Members prior to the annual general meeting of Council.

NCW Victoria - Office bearers & committee 2015-6

President: Sheila Byard Secretary: Dr Pamela Williams OAM

Treasurer: Benjie Perryman

Vice Presidents: Barbara Brown, Bronwyn Badham, Janice Latham (Regional)

Five elected members:

Janene Blanchfield-Brown, Guosheng Chen, Freda Kaufman, Gauri Kapour, Elisabeth Newman,

Coordinator Standing Committees/Advisers: May Hu JP

Convenor, Individual Members Group: Barbara Brown.

Geelong Branch: Janice Latham Central Gippsland Branch: Jan Baxter

Non-voting members: Barbara Latham YoungNCWVic Convenor: Sarah Morgan

Hon. Archivist: Janet Galley OAM

About the Australian National Piano Award 2016, 5-10 September

Eastbank Centre, Shepparton - Eva Court, NCWV Arts, Letters and Music Adviser

Some NCWV members went to Shepparton in 2014 to attend this biennial competition. The semi-finals were held on Friday afternoon and the Finals on Saturday. The winners were announced at a dinner on Saturday evening. Dr Barry Jones spoke at the dinner. Barbara Brown, our Convenor of Individual Members, is involved in organising the program.

There have more than 20 applicants for ANPA this year. The application requirements for ANPA are quite challenging, so only the most capable and experienced young professional pianists apply. Applicants' audition CDs have been sent off to the three adjudicators: Clemens Leske (ANPA first-prize winner and

lecturer at Sydney Conservatorium), Rolf Plagge (Mozarteum - Salzburg) and Diana Weekes (Adelaide).

Once the adjudicators' rankings have been received by ANPA, the 12 successful applicants will be notified and invited to play in Shepparton in September. The names of the selected performers will be known in May and will appear in due course on the ANPA website. The launch of ANPA in Shepparton will be held on Tuesday

NCWV Executive has discussed whether an NCWV group might be interested in attending this year. If so, contact the Office by email ncwvic@bigpond.com or leave a phone message on (03) 9421 1602 or **0447 351 234**

Our motto ... The Golden Rule

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 that they should do unto you***".

Our mission statement

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. 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.

Our website - <http://www.ncwvic.org.au/>

Privacy Statement The NCWV is committed to protecting the privacy of all individuals and affiliates and complying with Australia's Privacy Act. Our primary purpose in collecting information is to enable us to operate as a membership organisation whose primary objective is to enhance the status of women. We may use your information to respond to your requests or to contact you via mail, email or phone for support for work we do and to offer events we may hold unless you have advised us in writing that you do not wish to receive this information.

Our Connections The NCWV is an affiliate of the **National Council of Women Australia**, established in 1931

Through NCWA we are linked to the **International Council of Women - Conseil International des Femmes**, established in 1888. ICW has category 1 consultative status with the **United Nations Economic and Social Council**. Membership of the NCWV open its doors to a global exchange of views on matters affecting the lives of women, children and families around the world.

National Council of Women of Victoria



"Caring Women Make a Difference"

PROGRAM FOR 2016

January

15th – Office re- opens

21rd (Thursday)- Pioneer Women's event, Pioneer Women's Garden 10.15 for 10.30am – Dr Liz Rushen

February

4th – (Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting – About the Festive Baskets!

12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, including Trading Table. Anna Carlile 'Brand Refresh'

18th (Thursday) – Executive meeting, 10 am

29th (Monday) - 9.30 to 12 noon. Launch of *My Vote My Voice 2016* program and student awards, Parliament of Victoria

March

3rd (Thursday) - 10.15-11.30 - Conversation about Civics and Citizenship, at Ross House.

12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting – Speaker Dr Merrilyn Murnane,

17th (Thursday) - Executive meeting, 10 am

April

7th (Thursday) - 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting, 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, Speaker Birute Don the ADC Healthy Cities Forum, Including Trading table.

21st (Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

May

5th(Thursday)–9.30- 11.30 May Forum, NIDS – what will this mean for women and families? followed by 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting with Pink Sheet Exercise on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Family Violence.

19th(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

June

2th–(Thursday) 10.15-11.30 Individual Members Meeting, 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting, with Women's Property Initiatives, including Trading Table

16th– (Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

20th– (Monday) Luncheon NCWV Geelong Branch – Speaker Patti Manolis, CEO

27th - (Monday) Late afternoon Founders Day event – details to follow.

July

7th–(Thursday) 12 noon for 12.15 start, NCWV Council meeting

21st - (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

12th (Friday) –9.30 for 10 am start *My Vote My Voice Student Event at the Parliament of Victoria.*

15th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

September

1st –(Thursday) 10.15–NCWV AGM 12 noon for 12.15 start

15th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

October

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

20th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

November

3rd –(Thursday) 10.30 am Morning Tea. 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Council meeting,

17th–(Thursday) Executive meeting, 10 am

December

1st - (Thursday) 12 noon for 12.15 start NCWV Christmas Lunch, 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

- Individual Members' meetings begin 10.15am for 10.30 am, Trading Table – please bring items for sale
- Council meetings begin at 12.15pm sharp and finish no later than 2.15pm, Executive meetings are held at the Royal Historical Society Building corner William and A'Beckett Sts.