

Founded 1902 ~ Celebrating 120 years in 2022

Newsletter

August 2022

Acknowledgement

National Council of Women of Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Victoria and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. NCWV pays its respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.



Quote: "I have been privileged to be a part of a strong matriarchal clan whose values and social responsibility was instilled from an early age. To describe the areas I have worked in: employment, training, tourism and women's issues, it is best summed up by Nelson Mandela who said "there is no greater service than to liberate a community itself."

Leanne Miller, Dhulanyagen Ulupna of the Yorta Yorta people

From the President, Ronniel Milliken



AGM ALERT: Seeking enthusiastic women keen to advocate for change to join the NCWV Committee.

Contact Ronniel on: 0478 783 489

We were delighted to have the Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) since August 2019, Ms Viv Nguyen AM as our speaker at the August Council Meeting (see the report on page 2). In 2021/22 NCWV listening and advocacy activities have included aged care, and family and domestic violence support services for the whole diverse Victorian community, while identifying particular concerns for ATSI communities, migrants and refugees. VMC was pivotal in initiating support for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities in Victoria and provided a platform for communities to voice their opinions despite the challenges of the pandemic. At MVMV 2022 we will learn more about Treaty and Reconciliation. Going forward, NCWV, like VMC, hopes to promote and inspire Victorians to continue embracing and celebrate cultural diversity.

My Vote My Voice: Monday 22nd August 2022,

The National Council of Women of Victoria annual **My Vote My Voice** student event in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament of Victoria, is on **Monday 22nd August 2022, 9:15-12:30pm**. This year's theme is **My Vote My Voice: The Role of Treaty in achieving Reconciliation**, to encourage students to investigate issues around Treaty and Reconciliation, then make a **presentation** in the Legislative Council Chamber. Reconciliation Week, May 27-June 3, with a theme of "Be Brave. Make Change." was an opportunity to start this research; NAIDOC Week also. Please alert friends and members to the event.

Our Keynote speaker: **Leanne Miller, Member for North-East Region, proud Dhulanyagen Ulupna of the Yorta Yorta people, Member of the First Peoples' Assembly Victoria.**

Contact: Pam Hammond, Convenor Civics & Citizenship, NCWV: ropa1@bigpond.com

Due to generosity of LWV and NCWV, this is free, but names are required by Parliament, so Trybooking essential for this free event:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBQQO>



Aboriginal history in the curriculum: An interview with Auntie Lois Peeler, 2022 NAIDOC Female Elder of the Year, who has a passion for education going back to her early days with Blak royalty. Lois has "absolute pleasure" being principal of Worawa College, the only boarding school for Aboriginal girls, shaping the next generation, changing lives for the better. "Education is the key. We learn about ourselves, the need for social change, the need for environmental change. You don't know what you don't know!"

https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/article/2022/06/27/original-sapphire-who-says-studying-aboriginal-heroes-can-change-country?fbclid=IwAR16bx0qEZAhqozl75uMxrnBReDYxoZH5_aYMRpYslwv0mcprE7JtyPXjOc

First Peoples Treaty Youth Forum is coming to Bendigo!

We need our young ones to help lead our journey towards Treaty for Victoria. So, if you live in the North West and are aged between 15 to 25, join us for our free Treaty Youth Forum on **Thursday 25 August** and tell us your ideas and aspirations! There will be door prizes, a Treaty Yarning Circle, an Indigenous Hip Hop Program and more.

[Register here](#)

Individual Members General Meeting: 4 August

At this meeting, Convenor, Elisabeth Newman reported on the 2021/22 year, then vacated the chair for the election: Convenor - Elisabeth Newman AM; Bookkeeper - Beverley Kannegiesser; Notetaker - Carol Robertson; Deputy Convenor vacant. Members asked to consider nominating. This was followed by Ronniel Milliken who spoke about her own story of COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

Ronniel gave us a background of the many years of her education across Australia, New Zealand and the UK. As the daughter of an army officer – ‘an army brat’ – she spoke of the very strong sense of community in each of the army postings her father held also affording Ronniel exposure to different cultures. She recalled her time at school in the late 60s, near Palmerston North in NZ and how proud the Māori were of their Treaty and Culture. Māori songs were sung at the school, and at their farewell a Māori hangi was held for all the students. She noted that in the last decade much of the New Zealand TV is bilingual.

Ronniel's two years with her family in the UK in the 70s and the associated travelling brought home to her some of the extreme poverty in the world. She saw the poverty-stricken settlements near Manila airport; and in Cape Town noticed the apartheid system and was shocked by the ‘man trap’ signs. Soon after, she experienced educational discrimination within Australia when Education Victoria would not rely on her NSW Matriculation success to admit her to study at university in Victoria!.

Ronniel was also inspired by her grandfather, a WW1 and WW2 veteran, taking men from Heidelberg Hospital suffering PTSD, on weekly luncheon outings to the RSL.

In her 3rd year of university, Ronniel volunteered in community legal services, where she met often bewildered people experiencing tough and difficult lives. This led her to continue to perform volunteer advocacy work after business hours. Ronniel became involved in the Victorian Women Lawyers Association and the Victorian Law Institute where she advocated on women's issues. Despite improvements, women lawyers are still experiencing harassment and lower salaries.

As a mother and President of her local childcare centre, Ronniel learnt more about different cultures and their expectations, resolving differences between parents and teachers. Beta Sigma Phi has also been a significant contributor to her community involvement and passion.

As a board member at WIRE (**Women's Information and Referral Exchange**) Ronniel was exposed to problems encountered by women in distress and the subsequent strategies and programs provided to help women make informed choices.

In concluding her talk on the drivers of her Community Engagement, Ronniel said that she *‘likes to be able to put people together to effect change’*.

ERA In partnership with the [Harmony Alliance](#), we are conducting the Migrant and Refugee Women's Attitudes, Experiences and Responses to Sexual Harassment in the Workplace study (funded by ANROWS)

The survey is open to anyone living in Australia over the age of 18 years who identifies as a woman from migrant or refugee background. It is available in six languages and should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete.

Findings from the survey will inform better targeted workplace responses and support for migrant and refugee women. Migrant and Refugee Women's Attitudes, Experiences and Responses to Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, [ANROWS 2022-2024](#).

August Council Meeting: 4 August



Speaker: Ms Viv Nguyen AM, Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission, spoke on *Advancing women's issues and leadership in multicultural Victoria*.

VMC supports and advocates for culturally and linguistically diverse Victorians. As the main link between communities and government, VMC engages with multicultural and multifait groups to understand issues they face, then work together to identify and recommend potential solutions to government, policymakers and community organisations to make public services more inclusive and accessible

Ms Nguyen outlined various ways VMC supports groups:

- Adapt family violence services to support multicultural groups, many of whom include great diversity within.
- Are 'Diplomatic Agitators' for multicultural service providers to increase services and grow capacity in prevention and/or support.

- Communicating with communities stepped up during COVID to provide resources well ahead of government. Two-way engagement is vital, which has improved.
- Support pre-school and kindergarten services, which helps the inclusion of children, also of women.

Ms Nguyen explained that VMC is government funded with staff part of the public services sector.

"The [results of the 2021 National Census](#) tell us that our state is now home to over 300 different ancestries with 290 languages spoken across the state, making us the most diverse state in Australia, a fact to be proud of."

Community Services Industry Alliance

A free online seminar on building a culturally diverse workforce – 31/8 online

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

W20 Summit

Hean Bee Wee AM, NCWV Committee, President, APRC



I was very appreciative to receive an invitation from National Council of Women of Indonesia (KOWANI) to the W20 Summit as part of the ICW-CIF representatives. ICW-CIF President, Martine Marandel, Assistant Treasurer Choui See Anderson, Julie Morris and husband and I formed this group. Delegates from 14 countries participated in the W20 meeting held under the Indonesian G20 Presidency this year. The theme for the summit was: *Recover Together, Recover Stronger*. The summit was held in Parapat Lake Toba, North Sumatra from **July 19 to 21, 2022**. The W20 is an official G20 engagement group established during the Turkish presidency in 2015. Its objective is to ensure that gender considerations are mainstreamed into G20 discussions and translate into the G20 Leaders' Declaration as policies and commitments that foster gender equality and women's economic empowerment.

I congratulate KOWANI and W20 Chair Hadriani Uli Silalahi for the excellent job. Well done!

ABC (Aunty) is celebrating her 90th anniversary as NCWV celebrates 120th.

On Sunday 7 August, ABC broadcast the movie **Suffragette**. Made in 2015 and inspired by true events in Britain, *Suffragette* movingly explores the **passion, frustration and heartbreak** of those English women who risked all they had for women's right to vote – their jobs, their family, parental 'rights', their homes, freedom and even their lives – *two decades* after women of European origin in Victoria (1908) and in Australia (1902) gained the vote, though not Aboriginal women.

In Britain, in 1832 the first women's suffrage petition was presented to the British Parliament. In February 1918 legislation allowed married women over the age of 30 and men over the age of 21 to vote. In July 1928 legislation allowed everyone over the age of 21 to vote.

Inspiring stories to share with family and friends!

Report: Ronniet Milliken, President NCWV

119th Annual General Meeting, September 1, 12:00 – 2:00pm; to be held in person at Ross House and by ZOOM.

The speaker prior to the AGM will be Dr Deborah Towns OAM. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Public Education in Victoria (1872-2022), Deborah's keynote will be *'A lively history of 150 years of the government's education system, and its schools, teachers and students in the Victorian community'*.



ADVISER NEWS

This report focusses on Anne Summers report 'The Choice violence or poverty'

To see the full report: <https://www.violenceorpoverty.com/>

Within her report, Dr Summers provides data on 'Experience of partner violence by state/ territory' from 2016. When I looked at the proportion of reported partner violence per female population: the ACT was the highest with (3,100) 2.72% of female population, then Tasmania with (5,300) 2% of female population, Queensland (43,000) 1.77%, NSW with (63,000) 1.64%, South Australia with (12,5000) 1.4%, Western Australia with (18,100) 1.3%, Victoria with (37,200) 1.19% NT had (2,300) 1.1%. No other data is broken down by state.

Dr Summers Report recommends \the Australian Government should:

1. Change the eligibility rules so that the Parenting Payment Single allowance is available to all single parents until their youngest child reaches 16 or is still in high school.
2. Increase the Parenting Payment Single allowance rate so it is equal to the age pension single rate.
3. Change indexation and benchmarking of Parenting Payment Single so they align with how pensions are indexed. This will mean that the Parenting Payment Single would always equal 27.7% of Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) rather than the current benchmark of 25% of MTAWE.
4. Abolish the Mutual Obligations requirements for recipients of the Parenting Payment Single (currently imposed once youngest child turns 6) provide optional job-training and job-seeking opportunities to parents who want them.
5. Abolish the Parents Next scheme with immediate effect and investigate replacing it with a proven effective voluntary scheme for preparing young parents for employment.
6. This report and hence its recommendations would have benefited immensely from longitudinal data that supplemented the invaluable cross-sectional data provided by the Personal Safety Survey 2016. The Australian Government should instigate an immediate scoping study into the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive longitudinal study whose focus includes the behaviour of perpetrators in addition to including all forms of domestic abuse, financial, technological, physical, sexual and emotional abuse and includes all population groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are not included in the Personal Safety Survey.

Report by Robyn Byrne, NCWV Adviser Human Rights & Peace. NCWV is considering a Resolution to present to NCWA.

Education Report: Pam Hammond, Education Adviser NCWV

The State Government announced, June 2022, that in Victoria from 2023 kindergarten will be free for three and four-year-olds. This addresses concerns raised in NCWV reports and briefings over several years, and in letters to Victorian MPs, including research supporting the long-term learning advantages and economic benefits of free kindergarten and childcare. *"Three-year-old kindergarten and four-year-old kindergarten should be free"* See: <https://ncwvic.org.au/files/2021%20Education%20Briefing.pdf>

In addition, NCWV welcomes the Government's ambitious overhaul of early childhood education and care, underpinned by a \$9 billion investment over the next decade, to save families money, and support women who choose to return to the workforce. This involves the re-branding of four-year old kindergarten as Pre-prep, a free 30 hours of play-based learning a week to be phased up from 15 to 30 hours, starting in 2025. **NCWV recommends that this program be instigated in 2023** so that the benefits are available to more families. There is also planning for 50 additional government operated childcare centres, in areas with the greatest unmet demand for places, starting from 2025. Where possible these will be co-located within schools, or alongside major employers to create convenient access for working parents. NCWV applauds the increase in facilities and resources where the demand is highest.

NCWV has concern about the number of teachers and educators required as programs are rolled out, so is pleased that a task force will be set up to oversee this and incentivise education workers, with program to be fully established state-wide by 2032. However, NCWV encourages the government to double the funding, training, capital and operational resources allocated, to ensure the program is fully established in the next term of government – by November 2026 – four years instead of a decade! NVCWV will monitor the progress of this initiative into the future.

We understand the National Children's Education and Care Workforce Strategy (2022-2031) 'Shaping Our Future', approved by Education Ministers in October 2021, supports recruitment, retention, sustainability and high-quality of the children's education and care sector workforce; with Implementation and Evaluation Plan scheduled to be considered by Education Ministers in mid-2022. In this era of full employment and a mobile workforce, it is more important than ever for families and children to experience equitable high quality early childhood care and education across Australia.

OTHER NEWS



STATEMENT OF *UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS* REGARDING THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT

The statement of the international human rights organization *Amnesty International* arouses the indignation of Ukrainian society, which expects the justice and impartiality from the international community regarding the war that Russia has unleashed against Ukraine. Instead, such international documents impose a distorted narrative that works in favor of the aggressor and devalues the efforts of Ukraine and Ukrainians in the fight against the occupier.

Russia is a country-terrorist that carries out daily bombings and has destroyed Ukrainian cities and towns, schools, hospitals, and objects of cultural heritage. It is Russia that uses civilian infrastructure and population to wage the war, has caused mass killings and casualties among civilian population on the temporarily occupied territories. And it is Russia that is waging an undeclared war, violating all the norms of international law and war laws, committing genocide, violating any human norms.

In this war Ukraine defends itself and remains open to international mechanisms of objective assessment of both the aggressor actions and the actions of Ukrainian military personnel. In particular, Ukraine has proactively appealed to the International Criminal Court and allowed war crimes and crimes against humanity to be investigated on its territory, and law enforcement agencies have shown readiness to assist these investigations.

Ukrainian Women's Congress appeals to the representatives of civil society, Ukrainian and international human rights and women's organizations and calls on -

- **to express public position** regarding such statements, which do not take into account all the conditions in which the war is waged, and therefore distort the reality of the international crime of aggression and substitutes narratives;
- 2- **to tell the truth** about the war, based on real facts and understanding of the context, and not to allow substitution of concepts and double standards that work in favor of evil;
- 3- **to demonstrate courage** and to take responsibility for just and impartial advocacy and protection of values, international norms and human rights.

Ukrainian Women's Congress also calls for the publication of the names of experts and analysts who conducted the assessment of the situation, which became the basis for *Amnesty International's* statement.

The most brutal war since the World War II is going on in Ukraine, and the whole world is witnessing the most terrible crime - the crime of aggression, which violates state's sovereign borders, principles and norms of international humanitarian law, and undermines the foundations of international security. We call to honestly name the aggression and the aggressor and stop the international crime that poses a threat to the whole world.



Today marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of one of the world's youngest TED talks, created by Minderoo Foundation's Thrive by Five, TED and UNICEF - the impact world-wide has been incredible.

The star of the talk, Molly, explains how important the first five years of a child's life are for their development, and provides some tangible ways parents and caregivers can support their growth during this critical time. It's clear she has taken the world by storm. Molly's talk was number 1 most popular TED Talk in the world in 2021, and has been translated into 35 different languages. It's been shown in hospitals as far away as Afghanistan, and has motivated others to speak out too; in Kenya, a 10 year-old girl named Happiness has just recorded a video inspired by Molly's TED talk.

[If you haven't yet watched Molly's TED talk, now is the perfect time to check it out. Or if you have seen it, you can re-watch it and share it](#) - it's a fun and powerful way of sharing an important message about the impact parents and caregivers can have on their child's development, particularly in the first five years!

[Click here to check out Molly's TED talk now - trust me, you will want to tell your friends about her!](#)

Reconciliation Writing Competition 2022 *Get Up Stand Up Show Up*

The Reconciliation Writing Competition organised by the Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation is open to all Victorians. The theme is the 2022 NAIDOC theme *Get Up Stand Up Show Up*, which reflects a proud history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People organising and fighting for their rights and is an ongoing call to action for everyone.

All writing styles encouraged, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Work must be original. Open to all Victorians except PPCFR committee, judges and their families.

Word Limits

Adults - 1500 words or 50 lines of poetry Year 9-12 Students - 600 words or 30 lines of poetry

All winning entries will be published in a booklet which will be available at the Awards Ceremony.

Judges: Wiradjuri Author, Poet & Academic **Dr Jeanine Leane** Yorta Yorta Writer & Broadcaster **Bryan Andy**

Prizes Adults 1st \$1000 donated by Wilson Agents

2nd \$600 donated by **Benson Saulo**, Australian Consul-General in the United States & Dr Kate O'Brien

3rd \$300 donated by Demos Property Services

Year 9-12 Students - The Andrew McCutcheon 1st Prize \$1000 donated by Future Leaders

2nd \$600 donated by Paul Licuria, Board Member & former player, Collingwood Football Club

3rd \$300 donated by Deb Stewart, Academic

Entries Close: Friday 2nd September; Winners will be notified **4 October 2022;** Awards Ceremony on **Friday 14 October.**

Submit entries along with your name and for students, your school and year level to writingcomp2022@gmail.com

For more information, contact Rosemary Rule on 0418 675 734 or visit www.ppcfcr.org

Royal Historical Society

Writing Local History Workshops – all day, with participants to gain new perspectives on local history; discover how to locate and use new sources; learn how to write and present to different audiences; led by Dr Rosalie Triolo FRHSV.

The in-person workshop for 40 participants will be: Saturday August 20 at RHSV, 239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne.

Workshop via ZOOM for 25 participants on Saturday 27th August. More information at www.historyvictoria.org.au

COST: RHSV members and members of affiliates: \$35

Non-members: \$50.

The Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors (MSWPS), found NCWV due to the Logo Garden, aims to provide help and encouragement to women artists and organises facilities for exhibiting their work. Lectures demonstrations, media workshops and regular life and portrait workshops are run by the Society to give members the opportunity to meet fellow artists and to work together. The Society has a long and proud history as the oldest surviving women's art group in Australia. Recent research indicates that the Society was begun in March 1902, by a group of former students from the Art School at the National Gallery of Victoria. Future events:

[Changing Perspectives 2022](#) September 29 @ 10:00 am - October 10 @ 4:00 pm

MSWPS is thrilled to have a 'live' exhibition at the Victorian Artists Society Galleries. [Find out more »](#)

[Sunflowers for Ukraine](#) September 30 @ 10:00 am - October 10 @ 4:00 pm

An opportunity for members to show off their creativity in works to support Ukraine. [Find out more »](#)

From Women's Agenda

It's alarming to know that 1 in 6 women and 1 in 25 men experience at least one sexual assault by the time they are 15 years old. In an effort to help break this cycle of violence, the Albanese Government has launched the fourth phase of the [Stop it at the Start](#) campaign, with two high-profile First Nations campaign supporters, Shelley Ware and Scott Prince, joining to help. The campaign encourages adults to reflect on their attitudes and have conversations with young people about respect. These conversations are meant to send the message that all [violence against women](#) starts with disrespect. "Respect is a huge part of the Aboriginal culture. From a very young age, we're taught to respect our Elders, to respect country, our community, and always give back. Respect is an essential part of Aboriginal culture, it always has been," says Ware, a proud Yankunyjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide, who's been teaching for 25 years and was formerly part of the ground-breaking NITV football program, Marngrook. "We wanted to be a part of reminding people that ongoing conversations are really important and that it starts at a young age."

A proud Aboriginal man from the Kalkadoon tribe in the Mount Isa region, Prince is a former NRL player for the Brisbane Broncos and the West Tigers in NSW who now uses his role as father and coach to have conversations with young people about respect. "Community has a massive role in teaching our young people about respect. Whatever is accepted when they are young will flow on into their teenage and adult lives." says Prince.

The Government's *Stop it at the Start* campaign homepage is filled with [resources](#) including "Excuse Interpreter" that covers expressions used to excuse disrespectful behaviour towards girls, such as "it's ok, he just did it because he likes you" and "boys will be boys" to young people can easily excuse disrespectful behaviour and make boys and girls believe

there are situations where disrespect is acceptable. This provides resources for adults to better recognise these attitudes and language and put an end to them.

New research out by Chief Executive Women and Bain & Company has analysed the top five most common success factors at 22 Australian companies identified leading the way for executive gender balance, after 2021 data found a link between the best-performing companies and gender-balanced executive leadership teams.

1. Committed and accountable executives — build executive commitment to and accountability for balanced leadership through regular reviews and by linking compensation to diversity, equity and inclusion targets.
2. Action-oriented commitments — translate commitment to diverse leadership into actions, such as executive role modelling, equitable flexibility options, and empowering employee groups.
3. Targeted talent management — accelerate women into leadership through targeted talent management, development programs and sponsorship.
4. Deliberate and long-term succession planning — to build a gender-balanced pipeline.
5. Equitable recruitment — create process for senior-level positions and redefine leadership requirements to broaden the talent pool.

CEW President Sam Mostyn AO said that knowing how gender-balanced leadership teams contribute to better decision-making and ultimately higher profitability means that, *“now is the time to accelerate actions for achieving gender-balanced leadership teams.”* *“The research also demonstrated that progress can be made despite disruption such as the COVID-19 pandemic and restructuring. We saw that the companies may have adapted their plans along the way, but having a plan that looked at all teams and levels of the organisation was critical to making change happen,”* she said.

The report authors state that: *“Gender balance is an organisational mindset, not an HR program. For inclusion to become a fundamental part of the workforce culture, the entire executive team must support gender-balancing priorities.... embedded in everyday behaviours, processes, business practices, and communication.”* Read the full report [here](#).



The Austral Salon of Music presents contralto Emma Warburton accompanied by Hugh Fullarton on piano, at a recital in the Main Hall, St Peter's, East Melbourne. Emma and Hugh will perform a program of folk song arrangements and settings of folk poetry, including music by Britten, Copeland, Dvorak and Mahler. Monday, 22 August from 12.30 – 1.30 pm. Refreshments from 11.45 am, tea/coffee & biscuits. Cost: Guests \$15. Further information at www.australsalon.org or m: 0422 508 183

Congratulations to Fatima Payman, the first Afghan-Australian to enter federal parliament



Fatima Payman has been elected to the federal Senate, making Australian history as the first Muslim woman who wears a hijab to sit in Federal Parliament.

Fatima Payman won Western Australia's sixth senate spot for the Labor Party. At just 27 years old, she will also become the first Afghan-Australian to enter federal parliament. She arrived in Australia as a refugee from Afghanistan when she was eight years old, growing up in Perth's suburbs with her family. [Afghan-Australian to enter federal parliament](#)



This year, the Jean Hailes 10th Women's Health Week will take place across the country from September 5 – 11, 2022, focusing on the five major health concerns women in Australia have, including menopause, pelvic health and mental health.

Registrations are now open for the 10th Jean Hailes Women's Health Week. **REGISTER NOW**

We welcome new champions for good health, outback mum of three and cancer survivor Anna Nunn and Co-founder & CEO of The Pelvic Expert, Heba Shaheed. [Read their inspiring messages](#)



Anna Nunn



Heba Shaheed

Want to get involved? Encourage your friends, colleagues and family to join us in September by forwarding this information. Please have a look at [FAQs](#). If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact the Women's Health Week team via email whw@jeanhailes.org.au, or give us a call on 03 9453 8999

More information: <https://www.womenshealthweek.com.au>

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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
4 - 10 September 2022



Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.

This year we are shining a light on children growing up **safe and supported**.

To find out about ways you can support the campaign, please visit the [Get Involved page](#)

Our Purposes: *to provide a non-party political, non-sectarian, not-for-profit, umbrella organisation with broadly humanitarian and educational objectives, empowering women and girls; raising awareness of gender equality; act as a voice on issues and concerns of women and girls at State level; develop policies and responses on behalf of women and girls on a State-wide basis; maintain and strengthen the Association's relationship with all members; link with women in Australia and International Council of Women through the National Council of Women of Australia and contribute to the implementation of their plans of action and policies.*

Our motto: *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 have them do unto you."*



From NCWA Secretariat

NCWA 2022 AGM will be held in Canberra on **November 10th - 11th 2022**

They call for nominations for National Coordinators, National Advisers, Board Members and International Coordinator/Coordinator of Convenors of Standing Committees. A nomination form covering all above positions has been sent to all members, also by contacting NCWV info@ncwvic.org.au Completed nomination forms to be sent to NCWV by 24 August to be submitted to NCWA **Friday 9th September 2022**

NCWV Dates for 2022, venue/ZOOM to be notified for each meeting

August	Thursday 18	Committee Meeting, 10am-12 noon
	Monday 22	My Vote My Voice, Student event Victorian Parliament 9am to 12:30pm
September	Thursday 1	NCWV AGM, 12:15-2:00pm, speaker Dr Deborah Towns OAM: 150 years of public education in Victoria
	Monday 12	Standing Committee Meeting, 4:30pm – 6:00pm
	Thursday 15	Committee Meeting, 10am-12 noon
October	Thursday 6	Individual Members Meeting, 10:15-11:30am, Council Meeting, 12:15-2:00pm, Dr Deborah Towns OAM & Pam Hammond, <i>Addressing stereotypes in children's literature</i>
	Monday 10	Standing Committee Meeting, 4:30-6:00pm
	Thursday 20	Committee Meeting, 10am-12 noon
November	Thursday 3	Council Meeting, 5:15-7:15pm
	Thursday/Friday 10-11 NCWA Conference, Canberra	
	Monday 14	Standing Committee Meeting, 4:30pm – 6:00pm
	Thursday 17	Committee Meeting, 10am-12 noon
Friday 25 End of Year Celebratory Luncheon, Level 3 Dining Room, Lyceum Club, Ridgway Place, Melbourne. Note Change Date!!		