

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.



From the President, Ronniel Milliken



Elida Brereton, Vice-President at the AGM, thanked Ronniel for her work and support. Malvina Malinek, NCJWAV congratulated the President and Committee for the year's work and presented a recent history of NCJWA.

Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II a Condolence Book was made available at Government House Victoria. I signed this book on behalf of NCWV, also I extended condolences to the Royal Commonwealth Society Victoria, the Royal Historical Society Victoria and Girl Guides Victoria. In the State Apartments of Government House, a memorial exhibition was set up paying tribute to Her Majesty's long reign, with displays and movies of the Queen's visits to Victoria, all most interesting. Several members visited this display.



I also attended the Regal Proclamation of the King.

October Council Meeting: 5 October, by ZOOM and at Ross House



Speakers were Dr Deborah Towns OAM and Pam Hammond MEd (Maths Education): *Gender Stereotypes in Children's Literature – Changes needed?*

This was a follow-up to two previous presentations to NCWV: one by Inbal Steinberg who analysed a reading program being used at her sons' school, finding many stereotypes in these books.

The other, NCWV member Adrienne Fleming, an aviator who interviewed students about their wish to be a pilot. She found in Preps, Year 1 and 2 girls put their hands up as much as boys, but this diminished somewhat in Year 3, and dramatically in Year 4. Deborah and Pam went on to say that there can be many reasons for this:

'Without modification to the attitudes and values of the wider community and the media, girls will continue to be educationally, socially and economically disadvantaged.' National Action Plan for the Education of Girls 1993-97.

Deb and Pam focussed on the stereotypes in picture story books, as the first 7 years of a child's life is when they are open to being influenced, positively or negatively. They are developing understandings about gender, themselves and expectations of their roles in the family, with peers and in the world around them and can impact on aspirations. Books also provide models of male and female behaviours and help children explore social issues and relationships.

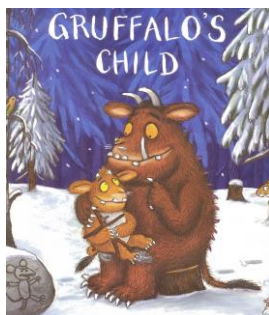
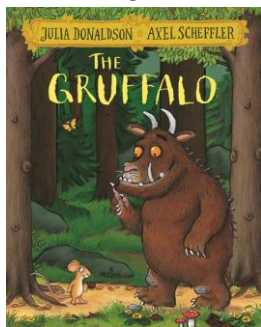
Why don't we have more female scientists? Why are so few men nurses? The root of most gender imbalances starts early. By recognising/challenging these stereotypes we can lift the limits they place on children's aspirations, choices and outcomes. Limit lifting Program UK

Deb and Pam quoted from research, one by a Phd student Sarah Mokrzycki at Victoria University, who analysed 100 best-selling picture books, identified by Dymocks in 2019. Female protagonists were seen in only 17% of the books, while 46% had male protagonists. Only seven books were female led in the top 50, compared to 26 male led books. Sarah found that the roles taken by the male characters ranged from farmers, chefs, scientists, builders to knights and more, whereas female characters were princesses, ballerinas, mothers, shop assistants, other stereotypical roles. These statistics were found in analysis of 100 best selling children's books, 2018 in the UK: Male villains were 7 times more likely than female villains, female characters were less likely to speak, 59% of characters were male, with only two books having a main character who was also from an ethnic or black group.

An Edith Cowan University study, lead author Dr Helen Adam, criticised popular books: *Harry the Dirty Dog* which portrays 24 males in stereotypical roles, the dog is 'he' and there are only seven females, mostly passive; also the *Disney Princess Series* where girls are saved by males. Dr Adam adds *"The male is strong and he knows best ... it's how we end up with some of the problems in society, there are messages of patriarchy everywhere."* The study in eight early learning centres in Australia and the United States into gender representation analysed books using *Harper's Framework of Gender Stereotypes in Children's Literature*. These include language, roles, relationships, emotions, attitudes, activities, achievements, values, needs and experiences. Some showed disruption of previous representations of masculinity and femininity.

Deb and Pam showed books which included stereotypical roles, as well as those which were more sensitive to this. With a table of Harper's categories, participants analysed picture story books, commenting on what they found.

One notable example, *The Gruffalo*, an extremely popular book of the early 2000s has all fictional and animal characters being male and aggressive. The author, Julia Donaldson, wrote a sequel, *Gruffalo's Child* in which the child is female and the Gruffalo is a doting and caring Father! How good is that!!



They also showed books that help children to understand who they are and who they can be, explore social issues and relationships and talk about their feelings. Stereotypes are outside the classroom. Toys and games are marketed as being 'for' one gender or the other, 'girl' and 'boy' colours, LEGO has succumbed! Even things as apparently innocuous as colouring books are promoted as being for one gender or the other. Research has demonstrated how discussions and using literature for addressing stereotypes can have a significant impact on engagement and learning. In concluding Deb and Pam said, *"We don't want to exclude all books that are not gender neutral, we need fairies and goblins, imagination is important. Many are high-quality literature with good use of language and positive messages, but educators need to be aware and ask appropriate questions for children to reflect on the roles represented. Schools, early educators, parents, librarians, publishers, authors need to identify unintended messages books carry if they portray stereotypical roles and behaviours in the books they select/write."*

VALE

Mary Allinson, Hon Life Member of NCWV & LWV

April '36–September '22



Mary's pathway into teaching home economics was via a four-year Diploma in Domestic Science from Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy. She taught for eight years in country and city High Schools, and with promotion came the need for further study, being awarded the 1968 King and Amy O'Malley Trust Scholarship enabled advanced studies, gaining Master of Educational Studies (Monash).

Mary's involvement in the Home Economics Institute, led to appointment in 1993 as community representative to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to develop food standards, regulating ingredients and composition. She also became the HIV delegate to National Council of Women of Victoria in 1993. Mary was on the NCWV Standing Committee as the very active Convenor for Home Economics for 4 years, then for Consumer Affairs in 1998 and Nutrition in 1999, which then reverted to Home Economics.

In 2000 Mary undertook to have CARDS made for NCWV incorporating the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden, Kings Domain. This was done in partnership with the City of Melbourne, with Mary acquiring funding from them.

Mary was on the NCWV Executive Committee, 2005-2011, Junior Vice President, 2007-2008; Acting President, 2008-2009; President, 2009-2010; Immediate Past President, 2009-2011; contributing enormously to the work of NCWV and acting as a mentor for others.

Mary's commitment to Reconciliation was unsurprising, growing up in Yorta Yorta country. In 2003 LWVV partnered with NCWV to organise a Women Together conference on civics education funded by the Australian Women's Coalition. Mary's contacts helped encourage a bus of Mooroopna women to take part. She and Jim were enthusiastic supporters of the NCWV Centenary of Women's Franchise in 2008 "Are We There Yet" which included aboriginal artists.

Her involvement with LWVV gave her a way of reviewing the causes to which her family had been devoted. In 2006 she became a trustee for the LWVV Bessie Rischbeith Memorial Trust taking on the task of locating in Victorian Electoral Commission records the names of women who had stood for election between 1924 and 1937. This was published in 2011, a great contribution to the LWVV's object of commemorating a largely forgotten cohort of brave women.

Mary was a kind, generous, supportive and calm person who encouraged women to achieve their goals and ambitions.

(Tribute prepared by Sheila Byard OAM, Dr Pamela Williams OAM, Janet Galley OAM, NCWV Archivist with assistance from Heather Allinson, Margaret Watters, Eva Court.)

Mrs. Nancye Cain: January 1932–September 2022



Nancye Cain was an NCWV Associate Member from 1991 - 2000.

She became NCWV Patron when John Cain was Victorian Premier 1982-August 1990.

*Janet Galley OAM,
Hon Archivist, NCWV*

Mrs. Lisl Singer, Dip. Soc. Work.

December 1924-September 2022.



Lisl, retired Social Worker, with tribute to George, Foundation Professor of Psychology, Latrobe Uni.

Lisl was the NCWV delegate for National Council of Jewish Women of Victoria, 1986-1995.

She was on the Executive Committee 1986-1992; Vice President in 1991.

Executive Sub Committees (with various name changes): Functions -1989; Activities – 1990; Functions & Fundraising – 1991-1994.

Lisl was an excellent delegate, regular attendant at NCWV meetings and functions, including arranging a celebratory NCWV 90th Lunch at Mietta's restaurant with birthday cake, lucky competition; Christmas lunches with lucky competition, and one occasion a decorative 'Bring a gift buy a gift' stall. Her son Gary was at one time Deputy Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne.

Janet Galley OAM, NCWV Honorary Archivist.

Australian National Piano Award: 10-15 October

Live-Streaming the ANPA Award semi final and grand final

The Australian Digital Concert Hall (ADCH) was created to connect artists and communities everywhere through music and technology. We understand that it may be difficult for some to travel to Shepparton to experience the Award. This year we are pleased to partner with the ADCH to live stream the Award Semi final and Grand Final across Australia. Visit ADCH, phone 5832 9511; for further details: <https://australiandigitalconcerthall.com/#/home>.

Cost: Full \$10.00, Concession \$5.00 **BUY TICKETS**

Live stream will be available for 72 hours afterwards.

Barbara Brown, NCWV Shepparton

Park Life, Heritage and place in Parkville - ACAHUCH Symposium, 4 November 2022:

Community Planting in Royal Park 1988 – The NCWV Bicentennial Grove of Honour

<https://www.historyvictoria.org.au/event/acahuch-symposium-parklife-2022/>

The 1988 Bicentenary of European settlement in Australia was celebrated with a wide variety of events. One was a 'grove' of native trees and shrubs in Royal Park by National Council of Women of Victoria. The plants were supplied by the City of Melbourne, following the Master Plan, planted adjacent to Flemington Road at Abbotsford St. On 13 November 1988 *"People came with the gardening tools and buckets in the 100s, from the city, from the country... in three hot dry windy hours, two thousand Australian native trees and shrubs were planted in memory of those who were gone before us, to honour the living and in the hope of a safeguarded future for those who will follow"*. Project originator was NCWV President Sylvia Gelman AM MBE, once a student at University High School nearby. She and others built a significant coalition of interest. Participants were promised a Memorial Volume showing the names of significant women honoured in the planting.

The idea was that a debt of gratitude was owed to the Tree, and also that trees could be reminders of events or persons. *"Trees ... used and abused throughout history, are at last regaining their rightful place in our environmentally-conscious society, in which National Council of Women of Victoria's Affiliates, Associates, friends and supporters are active participants"*.

This project echoed an episode in the lead-up to the 1934-35 Melbourne Centenary, when women insisted on there being a Victorian Women's Centenary Council and raised funds for the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden. Now that Bicentennial Grove of Honour has all but disappeared, the Memorial Volume is key source for assessing the influence of the project for the participants and on wider community attitudes to Royal Park.

Author: *Sheila Byard was a member of the Victoria University Urban Studies Unit 1987 – 2000; founding member of the Women's Planning Network, focussed on local, community and urban history. Her publications have included 'Supposing it was Saarinen's Canberra', Planning History 18, 9–14 and work on women's non-party organisations for The Encyclopaedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia 2014:* <https://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

Date and time: Fri., 4 November 2022, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm AEDT

Location: Japanese Room, Level 4, Glyn Davis Building (Melbourne School of Design), **Masson Rd, University of Melbourne Parkville, VIC 3010**

Tickets

My Vote My Voice Awards 2021 (presented this year)



Ahelee Rahman, MGGS,
Dame Joyce Daws Individual Award



Bayside P-12 College, Williamstown,
Marie Kirk Group Award



Emmanuelle College, Point Cook;
Olive Zakharov Group Award

My Vote My Voice Awards 2022



Ivanhoe Girls Grammar
Sylvia Gelman AM MBE Group Award



Bayside P-12 College
Julia Rapke Group Award



Kingswood College
Dame Joyce Daws Individual Award



MacRobertson HS, Marion Lau OAM JP Group Award



Elwood College, Beryl Foster OAM Group Award



Star of the Sea, Gardenvale, Marie Kirk Group Award



Blackburn HS, Dame Ada Norris Group Award

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Aboriginal Perspectives live Webinar Join Jessica Staines, Director of the Koori Curriculum. “*We know we should but we don’t know how!*” is a common statement made by many well-meaning educators in reference to Aboriginal programs. When embedding Aboriginal perspectives, educators can be overwhelmed and anxious as they’re so worried about doing the wrong thing that it becomes debilitating. In this live webinar, Jess aims to build cultural confidence and capacity by demonstrating ways to meaningfully/respectfully include Aboriginal perspectives in everyday programming curriculum. **Please note:** the webinar will be live and not recorded. [Book a seat here](#)

25/10/2022	6:30 PM AEST	1 hour
29/11/2022	6:30 PM AEST	1 hour

WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EQUALITY TASKFORCE (WEET)

The Albanese Government’s WEET met for the first time to deliver on an election commitment to prioritise advice to government on the many issues facing women in the Australian economy. The appointment of 12 eminent women will join the Chair of the Taskforce, Sam Mostyn AO, as the inaugural membership of the Taskforce.

The WEET will play an important advisory role to the Government on a range of issues related to driving women’s equality as an economic imperative, including through the National Gender Equality Strategy and the Employment White Paper. The members were selected based on their wide ranging skills and lived experiences.

“The Taskforce brings together women from around Australia, who will contribute a range of expertise and lived experiences. The membership of the Taskforce reflects the diversity of women in Australia and this is its real strength,” said Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher. “The collective experience and advice of these outstanding women will be crucial as the Albanese Government works to re-elevate Australia’s status as a leader on gender equality.” The Government will continue to work with a broad range of representatives from the business, community and advocacy sectors on gender equality issues, including the six National Women’s Alliances.

Taskforce members comprise:

- Sam Mostyn AO (Chair) - President of Chief Executive Women
- Adrienne Picone – Chief Executive Officer of Tasmania’s Council of Social Service
- Chiou See Anderson – President at National Council of Women of Australia; board member of the International Council of Women
- Danielle Wood – Chief Executive Officer of Grattan Institute; President of the Economic Society of Australia; co-founder and first Chair of the Women in Economics Network
- Jennifer Westacott AO – Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia
- Jenny Macklin – Vice-Chancellor’s Fellow at the University of Melbourne, School of Government
- Michele O’Neil – President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Professor Rae Cooper AO – Director of the Gender Equality in Working Life Research Initiative, University of Sydney; President Elect of International Labor and Employment Relations Association (ILERA)
- Samantha Connor – President of People with Disability Australia
- Shelley Cable – Director of Minderoo Foundation’s Generation One
- Shirleen Campbell – Co-ordinator of the Tangentyere Women’s Family Safety Group; NT Local Hero in 2020
- Sizol Fuyana – Founder of Fuyana Support; 2022 Northern Territory Young Australian of the Year
- Terese Edwards – Executive Director of the National Council of Single Mothers and their Children.

We congratulate the **NCWA President Chiou See Anderson** on her appointment to the inaugural WEET.

ADVISER NEWS



New Wave of Women in Politics: Extraordinary Women Shaping the Future, Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp. Flos Greig, the first woman to be admitted to legal practice, was a pioneer whose determination to practice as a solicitor advanced gender equality in the legal profession in Australia in the early twentieth century. Upon graduating from the Melbourne Law School in 1903, Flos Greig undertook her articles with Frank Cornwall, later continuing her career with Cornwalls law firm.

The Melbourne Law School is delighted to have Cornwalls' involvement in this new lecture series recognising Flos Greig’s pioneering spirit which transformed the bases of admission to the Australian legal profession.

Robyn Byrne, NCWV Adviser: Flos was an MLC Old Collegian whose older sisters were also doctors.



Amelia Pickering, CEO Prison Network: *As we were walking out of prison I noticed in the middle of a car space, lay a small pile of clothes and black sneakers, as if someone floated out of them. I had to ask our support worker what she thought may have happened. "Jail clothes", she informed me, "you'll see it from time to time. As soon as they leave, they need to get them off".*

I'm not sure who they belonged to, what they put on instead or where they were going, but I sensed their urgency and then their relief. My deepest hope, is that whoever she is, that she will never have to put those 'jail trackies' on again.

But statistically there is about a 50% chance that she will. Research tells us that almost half of women who leave prison will return at some point and often within the first two years. This is called recidivism. In order to break the cycle of incarceration, women need access to support services such as post-release support, housing, meaningful employment and access to education, drug and alcohol treatment, and positive community connections. At Prison Network we understand these challenges and aim to reduce the rate of recidivism by journeying with women in and beyond prison and providing the support and courage they need to navigate these positive pathways and create change. We want women walking out of their jail trackies and towards a new beginning; a life of dignity, hope and purpose, leaving the things that haven't served them well in a pile on the road behind them.

As winter was drawing to a close, our team made the trek to Tarrangower Prison to host a Soup and Sweet night. It was a wonderful night complete with a Veggie Soup cooking demonstration, lots of food trivia games and each woman made their own mini chocolate ripple cake. We had a variety of flavours: strawberries and cream, vanilla, and the hot favourite, choc mint. We ate the delicious soup together and spent time chatting and enjoying each other's company. Almost every woman in the prison attended the session, and at the end of the evening, our team was given a standing ovation as thanks. Thanks to Mazon Australia, each woman was gifted a bag of fresh veggies to take away in order to make their own soup. *"For us? Seriously? This is amazing. Even the chooks will get a treat when we have done our peeling."*

As we were leaving, one of the officers thanked us, and wanted us to know what a difference an event like this makes for the women. She said, *"the women dragged themselves into the multipurpose hall at the beginning of the evening, but after the session, they have all left with a real spring in their step. Thank you for all that you do."*

Our Craft programs are at full capacity. We are looking to move to smaller craft sessions across the different areas of the prison to reach more women and allow quieter spaces for relationship building and connection.

Fun With Mum has been slower to bounce back to full capacity. We are working closely with families to help overcome barriers that are keeping children from visiting their mothers. For the children who are coming in, it has been so lovely to see them bond and connect with their mothers over the activities.

Game On Day and Sunday Live We are often told by the women we work with that the gift we give them is the ability to forget that they are in prison. This is often more about how they feel, than their surroundings. Giving women a reminder of who they are, their strengths, what ignites them, and that they are loved and valued.

Danielle Woods, CEO Grattan Institute in her opening speech to the Jobs and Skills Summit stated in the section on making better use of our talent pool stated:

"One US study estimates that up to 40 per cent of the growth in US living standards between 1960 and 2010 was due to better allocation of talent, as barriers to women and minorities participating in the workforce were reduced. Removing barriers to participation deepens the talent pool and makes the best use of a country's human capital". This process still has a significant distance to run in Australia.

Australia has some of the highest levels of education for women in the world, but we currently rank 38th in the world when it comes to women's economic opportunities.

To read the full speech, see: [Think big: a new mission statement for Australia - Grattan Institute](#)

To read the outcomes of the Summit, see: <https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/inline-files/Jobs-and-Skills-Summit-Outcomes-Document.pdf>

Robyn Byrne, NCWV Adviser

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.

See full statement, August newsletter:

Soroptimist International of Europe Ukrainian Appeal 2022; Polish Union Zoom re donations, 1 October.

I heard of this meeting at late notice. I did note that some Clubs have donated to this appeal as well as my own Club. Polish Union President opened the meeting then other members spoke, it flowed smoothly for the many nationalities involved. Several videos of the groups in Crackow were played. Currently there are over 6 million Ukrainians in Poland. The majority are women with young children. Obviously, the people were extremely traumatised when they reached safety, tired, hungry and had no home to go to. The SI members have rallied magnificently, found accommodation for the fractured family groups then worked on therapeutic programs to help the mothers and children. The mothers generally were offered counselling, food and financial help for warm clothing. The children were offered music therapy, as they do not speak Polish. They really enjoyed playing on drums and dancing etc. Unfortunately, there is a new curriculum for primary aged students in Poland, and Polish is a very different language from Ukrainian/Russian. As they settle, they are trying to teach the children Polish, so they may begin school as their language skills improve. Stories and picture books have been a joy to the younger children, craft and painting for the slightly older children. They have found energetic young Polish women to help these families integrate into some basic normality. Clean bright community rooms were found to operate these groups. The Soroptimists are largely responsible for the 'operations' of these groups. Of the members on the Zoom meeting were several British and European Union women and a few from SISEAP, including Australian and New Zealand Soroptimists. They have raised over 60,000 Euro's so far. You may like to contact the Crackow Club for further information via the SIE web: <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/about-us/our-federations/sie/> Sue Whitehead, SI Melbourne Inc.

From Women's Agenda

While G20 summits have seen plenty of gender equality commitments made, achieving such commitments and targets requires significantly more work than what most member countries have put in. Analysis has found G20 members achieved an average 50 per cent of 12 of the 20 G20 summit's core gender commitments [made between 2009 and 2016](#). Meanwhile, the only meeting of the G20 to result in a clear commitment for improving women's economic security came in 2014, at the Brisbane summit — which is yet to be followed up [with clear implementation mechanisms](#). So, will the summit in Indonesia this November finally see more commitments made on women's economic security, safety and empowerment? The time to do so has never been more important. Reports by the World Economic Forum have found that women have lost jobs at higher rates than men during the pandemic, and have been more likely to be burdened with child care, [domestic responsibilities, and elder care](#). These factors have contributed to high levels of stress for women and lower levels of productivity. UN Women reports that the gap between women and men's participation actually grew in 2021, and [the continued lengthy recovery ahead](#). There is talk this year of world leaders endorsing a plan that goes deeper than ever before in empowering women. The plan may seek to consider ideas on supporting entrepreneurship, enabling greater access to education and eliminating gender-based violence and addressing the uneven distribution of unpaid care and domestic work.

Australia's Minister for Women Katy Gallagher has been in Bali to discuss the plan, with talks starting in preparation for the mid-November G20 summit, which Prime Minister Anthony Albanese will be attending. She told AAP this initial Bali visit for the *Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment* will be an opportunity to discuss issues facing women globally, and to help inform recommendations to G20 leaders. *"The conference presents a unique opportunity to discuss the many issues facing women around the world and to directly inform recommendations to G20 leaders"* she told AAP.



For details see: <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

The latest Australian Children's Wellbeing Index [The Wellbeing of Australia's Children](#) is out. The report by UNICEF Australia and [ARACY](#) shows that most children are doing well in most areas. Most children and young people have adequate access to food and educational resources, participate in formal and informal educational opportunities, feel optimistic about the future and have someone to turn to for support. However, there are areas of growing concern and persistent inequity that, if addressed, could lift the wellbeing of many Australian children. The Index contains six domains of wellbeing including Material Basics: live in suitable housing with appropriate clothing, nutritious food, clean water, and clean air. It found child poverty in Australia had risen from 17.3% in 2010 to 17.7% in 2017-18, that we were worse in terms of comparison with other OECD countries and concluded **"Poverty too remains stagnant and unacceptably high."**

We call on government to fix the child support system that is currently failing to collect at least \$2 billion owed to children. *"It is a scandal that we don't know the total amount of what is owed to children. What we do know is that of the 330,000 parents in the Agency Collect scheme, 33% have a debt that is more than one month old, a significant increase from 24% in 2015-16. We estimate that debt is likely to be closer to \$2 billion,"* said Anti-Poverty Week ED Toni Wren. *"We just need the Tax Office and the Child Support Agency to ensure that people (mostly men) owing child support lodge their tax return annually. This is a very simple fix that will reduce child poverty,"* said National Council of Single Mothers and their Children CEO Terese Edwards. **How failure to collect child support plunges children into poverty:**

- Child poverty is unacceptably high in Australia, with more than one in six children growing up in poverty, diminishing their lives now and in the future.
- Nearly half the children in sole parent families live in poverty (44%) compared with 13% for children living with both parents. In single parent families in which the main earner is a woman the rate of poverty (37%) is twice that in which the main earner is a man (18%).
- Around 1 million children in Australia (nearly 1 in 5) should be receiving child support through the scheme, but for more than half it's impossible to determine if they are receiving it.
- As recently as March 2022, nearly one third of child support is assessed at the minimum rate of less than \$10 a week (and 60% are for less than \$100 a week) and penalties for late payment go to the Federal Government, not the children.
- At least 200,000 people (mostly men) who owe child support have failed to submit a tax return for more than two years and more than 16,000 for more than 10 years.

STEM-ADVANCEMENT@UNIMELB.EDU.AU **NATIVE AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS TRUST:** Join five of the University of Melbourne's leading emerging researchers as they battle for a prize pool of \$100k in the Big Science Pitch! With just three minutes to sell their idea, the competitors need to convince the judges, the public, and author Tim Winton that their project should receive funding from the [Native Australian Animals Trust](#).

Host: Professor Moira O'Bryan, Dean of Science University of Melbourne; **MC:** Dr Jen Martin, Science Communicator

Special Guest Speaker: Tim Winton, award winning author and environmentalist

Pitchers: Dr Xinyue Gu, Dr Ellen Cottingham, Dr Qike Wang, Dr Emily Fobert and Dr Justin Maire

An expert panel chooses the overall winner and there is \$10,000 up for grabs for the People's Choice award, and \$10,000 'Winton's Choice' award for the project chosen by Tim Winton, patron of the Native Australian Animals Trust.

[Register now](#) so you don't miss this inspiring event!

Professor Moira O'Bryan, Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Melbourne

Soroptimist International of Victoria Inc: 100th Anniversary Luncheon

Invitation to members, former members and Friends to celebrate and enjoy a 2 course lunch, soft drinks included, alcohol may be purchased. Saturday 15th October, 11.30-3.30pm at the Savoy Hotel, 630 Collins St Melbourne.

Cost: \$75 per person. TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBLNU> Speakers;



Colleen Jackson, ACRATH, Modern Slavery



Dr Ben Rossiter, EO Victorian Walks



NCWV LOGO Garden, St Kilda Road nr Government House Drive

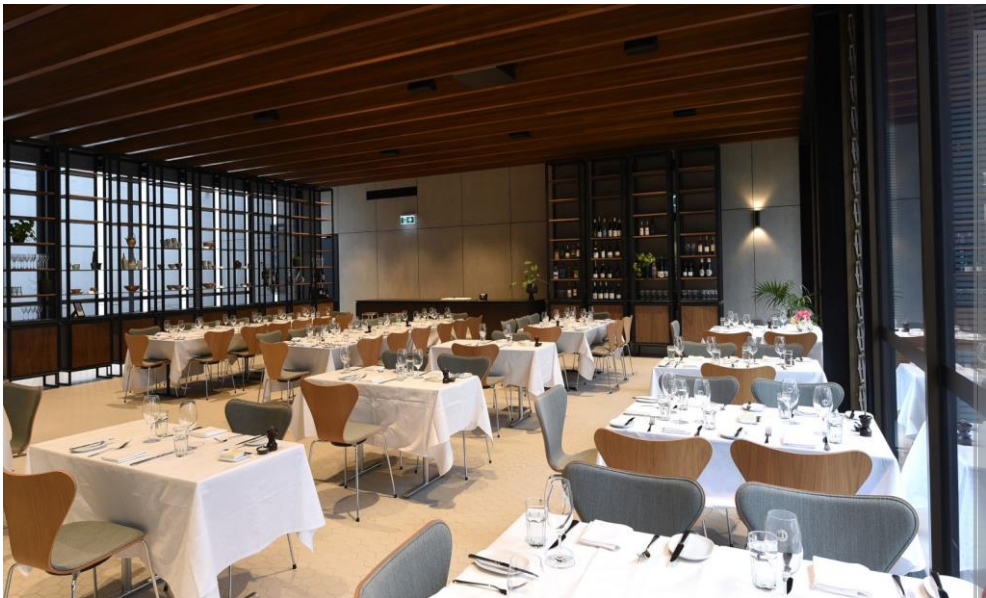
As part of our 120th Anniversary, the City of Melbourne offered to create our badge in Logo garden, for which we are thankful.

Planting with white, purple, green, plants, the full flush will be September/October.

The best way of viewing this garden is a ride in a tram down St Kilda Road.

Thanks to Elisabeth Newman AM for pursuing this with City of Melbourne.

Our 120th Anniversary Luncheon, Friday 25th November details below.



Our 120th Anniversary Luncheon, from noon, will be held in the Lyceum Club Dining Room, Level 3, Ridgway Place Melbourne (off Little Collins Street, nr Spring Street). We are delighted that our Patron, the Rt Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp will speak. We plan to acknowledge past presidents and play the re-enactment film of women gaining the vote.

This is the most wonderful opportunity for us to gather together, after three years of not being able to do so. There will not be baskets or raffles, as this is not permitted at the Lyceum Club. And given that we have not had collections or Trading Tables at our meetings for three years, we felt the cost was acceptable.

The cost of this function is: \$85 per person.

TryBooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDKHF>

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

The NCWA Triennial Conference with the theme 'Improving Safety and Economic Equality for Women' includes the NCWA Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 10 November 2022, with the Conference officially opening at 9.00 am on Friday, 11 November and concluding at 1.00 pm, followed by an optional networking lunch.

A Reception at Government House on Thursday evening hosted by the NCWA Patron, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley.

The Speakers at the Conference on the Friday morning include:

Professor Jennifer Burn, Director Anti-Slavery Australia; Faculty of Law University of Technology Sydney

Helen Dalley-Fisher, Equality Rights Alliance

Dr Anne Summers AO, Paul Ramsey Foundation Fellow 21

Chiou See Anderson, President NCWA; Member of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Women's Economic Equality Taskforce

Website and ticketing link: <https://ncwa.org.au/event/ncwa-improving-safety-and-economic-security-for-women/>

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

October	Thursday 6	Individual Members Meeting, 10:15-11:30am, Ross House and ZOOM Council Meeting, 12:15-2:00pm, Dr Deborah Towns OAM & Pam Hammond, <i>Gender stereotypes in children's literature – changes needed?</i>
	Sunday 9	Strategy and planning Ross House
	Monday 10	Standing Committee Meeting, 4:30-6:00pm ZOOM
	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 ZOOM
	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! Lord Mayor to speak.