

Founded 1902 ~ Celebrating 120 years in 2022

Newsletter

July 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.



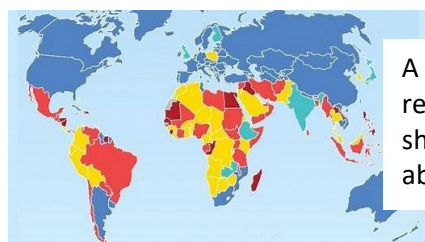
ICW-CIF: "Abortion, a fragile right"

QUOTE: *THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN CALLS ON ITS AFFILIATED COUNCILS AND THEIR MEMBERS: to cooperate with other partners, including other NGOs, in fighting against any limitation of the right to abortion; to work for a universal and unconditional legal access to abortion; to keep a close watch on abortion practices in all ICW countries; to educate and inform women so as to warn them against the danger of "fake news" conveyed on the Internet by anti-abortion movements; to involve young people and women ... in decision-making; to urge the necessity of implementing and enforcing sanctions against anti-abortion sites and social networks disseminating fake news; to remove barriers restraining the access to abortion; to promote within formal and informal school systems an education which gives a most important place to individual human rights and women's rights.*

Resolution 2, 36th General Assembly Avignon, France

NCWA: Following the consultation in Victoria and around Australia and the vote at the General Assembly in May 2022 in Avignon France, the President of NCWA published a media release consistent with the ICW-CIF Resolution 2 on "Abortion, a fragile right" – at the time of the US Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade and reverting to the varied US state based legislative regime on abortion: See: <https://ncwa.org.au/latest-news/>

The World's Abortion Laws - Center for Reproductive Rights: <https://reproductiverights.org/maps/worlds-abortion-laws/>



A website, up to date with recent Roe/Wade decision, showing the legal status of abortion across the globe.

From the President, Ronnieta Milliken

Our news feeds—on television, radio, and via the internet have been full of the sound and images of activists and advocates—chilling our blood and reigniting our passion.

We see women of all ages on the streets of cities around the world demonstrating about their concerns for the rights, health, wellbeing, and habitat of girls, women, and their families. Popular programs like Q&A are sharing information and airing concerns of panellists and the audience in the studio, and at home. This week one of the topics was the recent report by Anne Summers AO PhD Paul Ramsay Foundation Fellow 2021-22 hosted by UTS – 'The Choice – violence or poverty'. One of our speakers at the July Council meeting was Professor Jennifer Burn Director, *Anti-Slavery Australia*, Professor of Law, University of Technology Sydney. Both women provide us with an academic basis for our advocacy and propose practical action. Individual members and our network of associates and organisations are invited to hear the call to action – along with NCWV. There is hope that after galvanising into action ahead of the recent Federal election, a new generation of young women will remain active - exchanging the ballot box for the 'soap box' – and banding together in like minded organisations. Reach out to them !

Support our campaign

Take Action Against Racism



Dear friends, *The Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) launched a new iteration of the 'Racism. It Stops With Me' campaign, calling on Australians who do not have lived experience of racism to reflect on its causes and do more to challenge it. The campaign includes a Community Service Announcement that will be broadcast on national television, which you can view [here](#); also launching a new [Racism. It Stops With Me website](#), with information and resources to support action against racism. We hope this will create public discussion – because talking openly and honestly about racism is vital if we are to create meaningful change. But we need your help to make this happen.*

We're asking you to support the campaign and help raise awareness about the nature of systemic racism and inequality in Australia. You can do this in several ways:

- * Download [Supporter Kit](#) and share content on social media accounts, or in your workplace and community.
- * Register as a [supporter](#) of the Racism. It Stops With Me campaign to receive ongoing information about our anti-racism work, and ways to get involved.

* Like and comment on our posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

The campaign invites all Australians to commit to learning about racism and taking action against it. It urges supporters to reflect on the inequality racism causes, and to work within your sphere of influence to create meaningful change. You can also support the campaign by [signing your organisation up as a supporter](#) and joining a community of hundreds of other organisations committed to making change. We also have a range of [merchandise](#) available. No matter how challenging the conversation, we need to talk about racism and causes of inequality. By taking a stand against racism, we can build a fair and equal society for all. Thank you for supporting the campaign and helping spread the message.



Chin Tan, AHRC Race Discrimination Commissioner

August Council Meeting

We are delighted that our speaker at the August Council meeting will be **Viv Nguyen, Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission**. VMC supports and advocates for culturally and linguistically diverse Victorians. As the main link between communities and government, they engage 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.

Slavery and Trafficking In the last month we have seen Ghislaine Maxwell sentenced to 20 years for what the judge described as ‘a horrific scheme to entice, transport and traffic underage girls for sexual abuse – a crime with implications reverberating around the world.’

Closer to home, in Australia in **1952 the National Council of Women** was writing to the Federal Minister of External Affairs querying the delay in ratification of ‘Convention on Trafficking Persons & Exploitation of Prostitution of Others’. In Victoria, looking at ‘A Brief History of NCWV’ compiled by Helen E Gilan, as far back as **1913 NCWV formed a sub-committee to investigate ‘White Slave Trade’**, meeting weekly with assistance from the Criminal Investigation Department. Their findings included that no evidence of trafficking found in Victoria; that Victorian law can be used to prevent traffic; posting on stations and public transport directions on how to act if safety is threatened, with the address of the vigilance committee to whom cases can be recommended to consider prosecution.

On Thursday 7th July at our late afternoon Council Meeting we explored and discussed Modern Slavery and Trafficking and how we might contribute to the scheduled review of the ‘Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act 2018’ which deals. Our speakers brought us up to date.

July Council Meeting

One speaker was **Carolyn Gowers, Executive Director of Project Respect**, a 20 year-old Victorian based organisation and a registered charity. Project Respect is an intersectional feminist, non-faith-based organisation positioning trafficking and sexual exploitation as a global, gendered and structural issue. It is a specialised support service for women with experience in the sex industry, including those who have experienced trafficking.

Carolyn gave an overview of the services and support that Project Respect offers, including free, confidential, non-judgemental support, safe community lunch and gardening activities, amplification of the voices of women with diverse lived experiences and building the capacity of workforces to provide appropriate support.

Carolyn emphasised that one of the most important things for women seeking support is less about the service or support being sought, but more the feeling of being genuinely believed that can make all the difference, and how being stigmatised can be a significant barrier in women accessing support. She described how complex many situations can be, and the increasing challenges COVID has brought, such as visa instability leading to domestic trafficking and inability to escape family violence, and noted that COVID has resulted in marginalised women suffering increased vulnerability at the same time as reduction in support and services

Carolyn spoke passionately about human trafficking for sexual exploitation, giving recent experiences from the field; included supporting women in recognising their experiences as trafficking, supporting them to access recovery services provided by other agencies, and working to raise recognition around the seriousness of domestic trafficking (and what it looks like). She went on to describe some of the highly publicised cases reported in the media at the moment.

Carolyn gave an overview of the ‘Modern Slavery Action Plan’ that has been in place since Project Respect became a member of the National Roundtable on Human Trafficking and Slavery in 2008. Current plans include partnerships with civil society organisations, working in partnership with NGOs, development of a Victim and Survivor Engagement and Empowerment Strategy and Community and Services Sector Education. However, she noted that most goals of the ‘National Action Plan to Combat Modern Slavery 2020-25’ have not been met nor funded, with the Modern Slavery Act “watering down” the approach to trafficking for sexual exploitation.

2017 was the last year that federal funding was received by Project Respect and while grants had been applied for, these had not been received even with ongoing work recognised. Carolyn spoke about the impact a lack of funding has on targets and goals, with staff spending time chasing grants, less time on advocacy and support, reducing opportunities to utilise expertise in working

holistically with a connected system. Carolyn expressed profound concern that "Project Respect's financial position is at critical levels and we will struggle to survive without funding."

Caroline provided information about capacity building training which can help to increase understanding of supporting women with diverse experiences in the sex industry which includes short courses and e-learning courses, links to these and other contact information can be found at link to [Project Respect](#).

She also added information on 'Orphanage Trafficking': <https://www.cambridge.org/tz/academic/subjects/law/public-international-law/orphanage-trafficking-international-law>, Kate Van Doore's book.



The second speaker was **Professor Jennifer Burn Director, Anti-Slavery Australia, Technology Sydney (UTS)**. Professor Burn talked about the review being conducted into Modern Slavery that was set up under the previous federal government, and the need for a compensation scheme for women who have been trafficked. *Anti-Slavery Australia* started in 2003 when Jennifer, working with law students at UTS Community Law Centre to research the Australian dimension of the UN 'Trafficking in Persons Protocol', was contacted by women trafficked to Australia. It is the only specialist legal practice, research and policy centre committed to the abolition of modern slavery, human trafficking, forced labour and forced marriage.

Over 1900 people in Australia are victims of modern slavery and only 1 in 5 victims are detected. In total, 1670 modern slavery cases have been referred to the AFP with only 31 offenders convicted. Types of offences include forced marriage, labour exploitation, sexual exploitation and human trafficking. In 2020 alone, Anti-Slavery Australia helped over 380 people who had been trafficked to or from Australia or had faced slavery-like conditions while in Australia, including forced marriage, servitude and forced labour. She gave examples of modern slavery happening in Australia including a recent Victorian case involving slave labour in the home which was only uncovered when the victim needed hospitalisation.

Professor Burn spoke about Australia's response to modern slavery, and our international obligations to ensure that victims have access to effective remedies and issues which come from a lack of a national scheme. Currently, eligibility criteria and maximum compensation entitlements differ between each state and territory and current schemes are not designed for the specific circumstances of Modern Slavery, resulting in victims of similar Modern Slavery scenarios receiving \$10,000, \$100,000 or no compensation depending on the state or territory in which the compensation is sought in.

Professor Burn gave an overview of Justice for All – an Anti-Slavery Australia initiative seeking a national compensation scheme to ensure Australia meets its international commitments and is consistent with the National Action Plan to Combat Modern slavery 2020-25 by providing measures which are fair across Australia. The principal commitments of the proposed scheme are to be victim centric, consistent with international commitments, and de-link compensation from both co-operation with the criminal justice system and immigration outcomes / visa status.

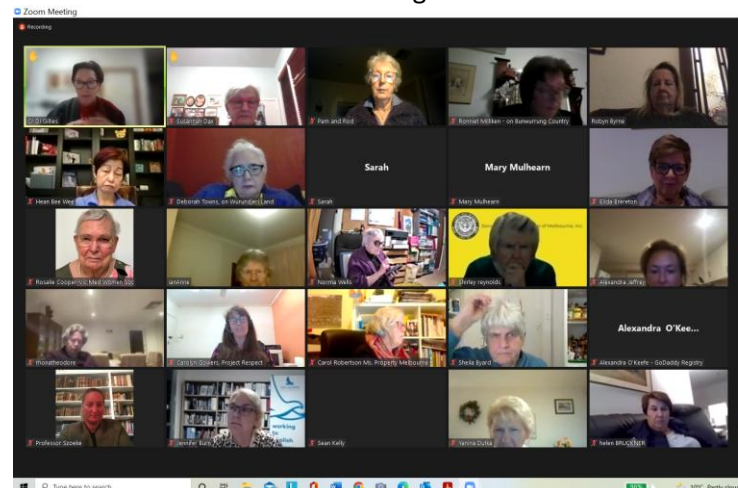
Professor Burns concluded her presentation with a call to action for NCWV and individuals to consider writing a letter to their Member of Parliament to lobby for support. [link to a letter template](#).

Anti-Slavery Australia also protects human rights of trafficked and enslaved people through research, policy development, law reform, professional practice, education, and advocacy. See:

<https://antislavery.org.au/modern-slavery/>

To read about the proposed review, see the article on the current situation with Modern Slavery identification, prosecution, and assistance for survivors. <https://www.unswlawjournal.unsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Issue-451-Simmons-et-al.pdf>

Some attendees at ZOOM meeting:



My Vote My Voice

Announcing the National Council of Women of Victoria annual **My Vote My Voice** student event in the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament of Victoria, 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.**

This theme is designed to encourage students to investigate issues related to Treaty and Reconciliation. Students may carry out research, and gain insights from indigenous people, peers and others to inform their views on the theme. Students are invited to make a **group presentation** of their findings in the Legislative Council Chamber on 22nd August.

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 teachers, students and schools in your area to event.

We are delighted to announce 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.**



Aboriginal history in curriculum, article with Aunty Lois Peeler, 2022 NAIDOC Female Elder of the Year

An article about the new curriculum, featuring Lois Peeler, who has a passion for education that goes back to her earliest days living with Blak royalty. It's something she has the "absolute pleasure" of doing for a living. As principal of Worawa College, the country's only boarding school for Aboriginal girls, she's shaping the next generation. She says it's vital work that is changing lives for the better.

"Education is the key," she said. "We learn about ourselves, about 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=IwAR16bx0qEZAhqozl75uMxrnBReDYxoZH5aYMRpYslwv0mcprE7JtyPXjOc>



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day:

Historically, many ATSI children in orphanages and institutions did not know their own birthday, so **August 4** was decided to celebrate a communal birthday.

Now, NATSICD celebrates and recognises the culture and strength of ATSI children. On 4 August, all Australians have the opportunity to show their support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child. 2022 theme: 'My Dreaming, My Future'

Hundreds of early years and education centres host events, including: hosting a morning tea, barbecue, cultural dancing, arts and craft, cultural exchanges, concerts, storytelling, games, sporting day at schools, workplaces or kindergartens in partnership with local ATSI organisations or communities.

Melbourne University Publishing, for NAIDOC 2022, has curated a selection of book packs.

To place your order, please confirm:

- **The pack you would like to purchase**
- **Number of packs you'd like**
- **Delivery details**

Delivery is free to one address in Australia.



For details/cost: dominika.greinert@unimelb.edu.au

Please note that *Unmaking Angas Downs* is a new work to be released 30 August 2022, therefore will be despatched upon availability. Offer ends 15 July



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 LOGO Garden on St Kilda Road

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

Planting has occurred with white, purple, green – the start can be seen, with the full flush to be August and September.

We are hoping those attending in person at our AGM, September 1 at Ross House, will join the Committee on a tram down St Kilda Road for a viewing.

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



Women for Election Australia have partnered with Community Directors to provide a leadership course to encourage women to stand for local government. WFEA, located in NSW, have engaged Jenny Morris to run the associated mentoring program. This organisation has been appointed to deliver the directorship project in Victoria.

Their message: *"Our Federal Parliament and Senate now has the highest number of elected women in history. 43 Federal candidates were graduates of Women for Election programs and four were elected to the House of Representatives. This follows on from our success contributing to the unprecedented lift in the number of women Councillors in the NSW Local Government elections, from 29% to 39%. We're so proud of all of our graduates and we know that just by running they helped change the conversation in their electorates. Only when we see more diverse women in parliament will we see change."* [Donate Now](#)

G7 Summit

Some of the most influential world leaders have gathered at the G7 Summit and this image paints a picture of just how underrepresented women remain in global political leadership. There is not one female leader from 7 of world's leading industrialised nations: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, and United States. Instead, Justin Trudeau, Emmanuel Macron, Olaf Scholz, Mario Draghi, Fumio Kishida, Boris Johnson, Joe Biden, are the G7 leaders. Without adequate representation of women leaders at the G7, voices of women and girls have largely been left out of the conversation for another year. It's concerning at a time when the world is facing so many complex, pressing issues

G20 women's empowerment conference in Indonesia

In July, Hean Bee Wee AM, NCWV Committee member and Chiou See Anderson, NCWA President, have been invited and will attend this conference ahead of the G20 Nations Conference scheduled for November.

Individual Members Excursion: The Minnie Peden Tour of the Salvation Army Museum.

Nine members had a very stimulating tour of the museum with an entertaining and knowledgeable guide, Lindsay Cox. We heard numerous stories about the early history of the Salvation Army which began in Melbourne in 1882. The ranks of the Salvos and their uniforms were modelled on the military. From the beginning, the Salvation Army was at the forefront in social work, with many initiatives such as programs and accommodation for newly released prisoners, and homes for 'Fallen' women. We were fascinated by the collection of memorabilia - uniforms, brass instruments, drums, badges, china and posters. The NCWV ladies were delighted to see the Order of Australia medal which belonged to a NCWV member, the late Major Heather Moulden.

We were all very interested in the Limelight Studio which began making films about the Salvation Army's social work in 1898. Their dramatic film 'Soldiers of the Cross' premiered in 1900. The Salvos have the colour slides from that original production on display. The Archives was a room of wonder, including all the Australian 'War Cry' magazines and an amazing resource of materials for historians.

One of the early sources of the Salvation Army's income was from buying tea and selling it under the label 'Hamodava Tea'. Another later fund raiser was from a percentage on the sale of Arnott's SAO biscuits. Arthur Arnott was an officer in the Salvation Army and SAO means Salvation Army Order. Our tour ended with tea and coffee, after which some of us had lunch. Thank you Elisabeth, for suggesting this excursion. You can view our group at the museum on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SalvosMuseums>

Report: Beverley Kannegiesser



Historical note about Mrs. Minnie Peden from information supplied by Janet Galley.

Minnie Peden, who passed away on 10 July 1989, was an Associate Member (Individual Member) of the NCWV for 30 years. She was the instigator of the bi-monthly Associates meetings and pushed to change the rules to allow an Associate to be appointed to the Executive. Prior to this the Associates were merely the tea ladies. Following her death, her family generously made a donation to the Associates and gave permission to use her name for the annual excursion which Mrs. Peden introduced during the 1960s.

The 120th anniversary of women's suffrage in Australia



Sunday 12 June 2022 marked 120 years since Australian women gained the right to vote in federal elections, following the passage of the [Commonwealth Franchise Act 1902](#) (Franchise Act). The Act extended the franchise to 'persons not under twenty-one years of age whether male or female, married or unmarried'. The Act also gave women the right to stand as candidates in federal elections. However, the Act also denied the right to vote to people of non-European backgrounds. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, both women and men, unless they were eligible to vote under state legislation. Australia became the first country in the world to give most women both the right to vote and the right to run for parliament. New Zealand women gained the right to vote in 1893 but not the right to stand as candidates.

Vida Goldstein *Image in collection of National Library of Australia\ Wikimedia Commons.*

By June 1902, women were already [eligible to vote](#) in South Australia (since 1894), and Western Australia (since 1899). The New South Wales (NSW) Legislative Assembly followed in August 1902, then the Tasmanian House of Assembly in 1903, Queensland in 1905, and Victoria in 1908. While the Bill had aimed to extend the franchise to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to those who were then referred to as 'coloured people' from overseas, it was amended to exclude '*aboriginal natives of Australia, Asia, Africa or the Islands of the Pacific*' from being placed on the electoral roll.

NCWV Geelong Luncheon Report, Alexandra Jefferey, President

National Council of Women Victoria, Geelong Branch had their 76th Annual Luncheon on 20th June 2022 at St. Mary's Sports Club Geelong. Numerous members from Melbourne joined Geelong members to make this luncheon, after two years in absentia, a very successful luncheon indeed. Please refer to the photos to show our Geelong Committee as well as President(NCWV Geelong) Alexandra Jeffrey, Guest Speaker Tracey Slatter, Managing Director Barwon Water and President(NCWV)Ronniel Milliken. Tracey Slatter, Managing Director Barwon Water was the guest speaker for the afternoon. Tracey introduced to all of us the complex concepts and strategies used in water conservation, waste management and reuse, as well as the preservation and reconstruction of vital environmental areas in the Geelong Community. Her presentation of the above was done in a wonderfully palatable, enlightening way to the lay community, all of us! We are so very grateful to the generosity of spirit of our attendees. The proceeds of the Raffle, an amazing \$1,000, enabled us to donate that amount to the Ukrainian Women's Association of Victoria to be sent to Ukraine and to be used for greatly needed medical supplies in the war zone of Southeastern Ukraine.(Please refer to the letter and pictures forwarded to me from the Association in Ukraine showing much needed medical supplies). A big "thank you" to Yanina and Nadia for their support and facilitation. In addition, the proceeds from the luncheon will go on to fund two \$250 bursaries given to students from North Geelong Secondary College who show the most effort and progress in the literacy sphere of English as a second language. Also, some monies will go on to support My Vote My Voice participants. All in all, we were most grateful for the ability this year to host this luncheon and for the supportive response from all members and guests.



Alex Jeffery, President; speaker ; Ronniel Milliken NCWV President. Geelong Committee

Letter of thanks from the Zaporizhzhya Union of Ukrainian Women:

Dear sisters of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Australia! The Zaporizhzhya Union of Ukrainian Women expresses sincere gratitude for the support and financial assistance in the purchase of medical supplies and devices for the institutions of our city. The incredible unity of Ukrainians around the world has become a weapon against the Russian invaders. Zaporizhzhya military hospital in the front-line city saves many lives, so it needs maximum attention and help. Children with special needs, from the occupied territories and orphans are the most vulnerable... Two days ago, I received another tranche of aid from you - 58,344 hryvnias, a lot of money. I promise to spend it sparingly and as expediently as possible. ... Thank you very much for your moral support and financial assistance! ... A low bow to you, Mrs. Lubomyro, and all our Australian sisters.

I hug, Secretary of the University of Zaporizhia Larysa Yevseyeva.

OTHER NEWS

Care Australia article in Women's Agenda News

The multiplier effect: why investing in women is key to global disaster recovery.



In times of wars and climate disasters, it's women who hold the key to recovery. The war in Ukraine, compounded by the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 and local natural disasters, have worsened gender inequality. In the past two years, unpaid care burdens have skyrocketed, violence against women has risen, the number of women in employment has dropped, and men continue to [hold the majority of positions of power](#). Women who can work are earning less than men for the same job.

While women are often the hardest hit and last to recover from a crisis, it's during times of crisis that women lead and contribute to their communities in ways which can go unacknowledged. When they rise, others in their circle rise too.

At the international aid organisation CARE, we've seen firsthand that when one woman escapes poverty, she brings at least four others with her — we call this the 'multiplier effect'. It highlights how if women are lifted up, they are likely to re-invest their time and income back into their families and communities. Investing in women today is an investment in her future and the future of her community. There is no quick-fix solution to levelling the field for women, but Australians can do their part to help those most in need. Supporting women to lead, escape crises, and tackle the barriers they face at work, home, school and in humanitarian situations, is possible through charitable donations. This is especially important this year. In Ukraine, more than 5.5 million refugees have fled the country and the number of internally displaced people has [reached almost 8 million](#). It's estimated that 90% of those are women and children. The war is a humanitarian crisis and women and girls are especially at risk of sexual abuse, exploitation, trafficking and intimate-partner violence. They have also become sole heads of households, providing care, education, financial support and aid to families and communities as men are conscripted. [Reports from the region](#) highlight that women are actively engaged in volunteering efforts and are at the forefront of providing assistance to affected communities.

Closer to home, in Australia and the Pacific, women are also disproportionately impacted by natural disasters. They are more likely to die or be injured during and in the aftermath of a disaster and also face an increased risk of violence.

They are increasingly undertaking disaster training to prepare for natural [disasters and safeguard their communities](#).

While women make up the majority of people using and delivering humanitarian aid, they are still systematically excluded from humanitarian decision-making. Changing this is an important part of CARE's work.

Edited article by Suzi Chinnery, Head of Capability and Impact at CARE Australia.

[A Mighty Girl](#) *The world's largest collection of books, toys and movies for smart, confident, and courageous girls*

One easy way to spark girls' interest in engineering and show them that engineering is for girls is by introducing them to the real-life women role models who have often been at the forefront of various engineering fields. Today's kids will become the next generation of engineers building our world — let's make sure there are plenty of female voices included! New blog post, "30 Books About Mighty Girls and Women in Engineering" at <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=35594>

You can also find toys and kits to encourage your Mighty Girl's interest in building and invention in our blog post, "Building Her Dreams: 60 Building Toys for Mighty Girls" at <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=10430>

If you purchase books from A Mighty Girl via the "Buy from Amazon" and other links found within this blog post and on every product page, we receive a small commission at no added cost to you, which allows us to maintain our website and continue to provide girl-empowering resources as your own Mighty Girl grows. We appreciate your support!

Chief Defence Scientist Professor Tanya Monro was honoured in the Queen's Birthday honours for her service to science and technological innovation. More than 100 years of history line the walls of Professor Tanya Monro's office. Portraits of every Chief Defence Scientist Australia has ever had are crammed into the room, but her portrait stands out - she is the only woman. Australia's first female Chief Defence Scientist is determined she won't be the only one.



Professor Monro: "It's really important that we have women in senior roles visible as role models to girls and women making choices about what they want to do, I want to create an environment where people can contribute, no matter what type of diversity they bring. It's not just gender, it can be neurological diversity, cultural diversity, and even age diversity. I hope people who want to make a difference, change the world, realise they can do that through science, particularly girls and women, because we need to get more girls and women into science."

University scholarships for women in STEM fields:

The [Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering \(ATSE\)](#) has been appointed as the program delivery partner for the Boosting the Next Generation of Women in STEM program. ATSE will receive \$41.2 million over 7 years to manage and deliver up to 500 university scholarships to help women in STEM:

- re-enter workforce
- seek higher qualifications
- develop senior leadership skills.

ATSE will lead the co-design of the program with other stakeholders to:

- identify sectors with highest potential to support future growth industries and areas of job growth
- invite university and businesses to nominate collaborative industry projects in priority areas
- award university scholarships to eligible women.

During the process, ATSE will actively engage with a consortium of strategic partners representing:

- large, medium and small STEM employers
- applied STEM universities
- organisations with deep expertise across Australia's STEM ecosystem.

Applications for scholarships will open **in July 2022**. ATSE will develop a website with program details.

Consumers Heath Forum communications@chf.org.au presents:

Hon Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care, Friday 5 August 2022, 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm (AEST)

The new Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon. Mark Butler, MP will be joining us for a webinar for consumers, members and stakeholder. *Get the latest from the Minister, in this #CHF Talks webinar.*

Minister Butler will be available for a discussion about his priorities for health as Minister and engage in some Q&A. We will be using an interactive, 'in conversation' format and invite you to put your questions to the Minister.

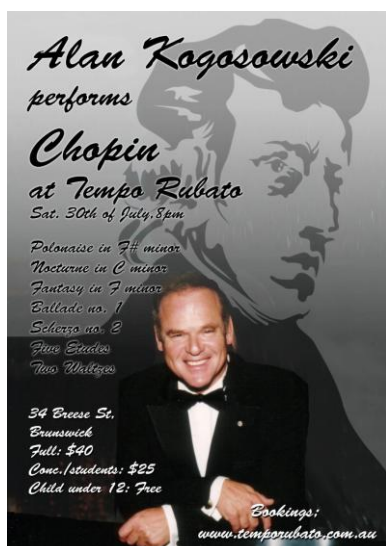
This webinar will give insights into the Minister's priorities for health and an opportunity to discuss the big issues that we hope to see progressed in the first term of the Labor Government.

We will choose a spectrum of questions and invite those submitting them to put them directly live to the Minister – ABC "Q&A" style. We encourage you to think of topics or questions you'd like to put to the Minister.

Register to the webinar: **REGISTER** or add your questions by midnight SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022.

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."



Barbara Latham, NCWV Adviser for Human Rights/Correction and Prisons.

This one performance on July 30th at: 34 Breese St, Brunswick is well worth attending.

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

July		Thursday 21	Committee Meeting, 10am-12 noon
August	Thursday 4	Individual Members General Meeting, 10:15-11:30am, speaker Ronniet Milliken Council Meeting, 12:15-2:00pm, speaker Viv Nguyen, Chairperson, Victorian Multicultural Commission Victoria	
	Monday 8	Standing Committee Meeting, 4:30-6:00pm	
	Thursday 18	Committee Meeting, 10am-12 noon	
	Monday 22	My Vote My Voice, Victorian Parliament 9am to 12:30pm	
September	Thursday 1	NCWV AGM, 12:15-2:00pm, speaker Dr Deborah Towns OAM	
	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	
	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	
	Thursday 24	End of Year Celebratory Luncheon, TBA	