

## **ANGELA THERESE TITMUSS**

*School of Women's and Children's Health  
University of New South Wales*

Angela has had an interest in women's health issues for several years, particularly issues facing women in isolated and developing regions and those from marginalized groups. For this reason, she completed a B Sc (Med) in 2003 (gaining First Class Honours) and undertook, through the Centre for Health Equity Training Research and Evaluation, a comparative study of the role of socio-economic status and Aboriginality in birth outcomes of women and infants in an outer metropolitan area—an invaluable experience to work closely with the local Aboriginal Home Visiting team and Health Workers.

Having deferred Medicine in 2005 when she took on work in an Aboriginal community west of Alice Springs, Angela will be undertaking her final year in 2007, as well as studying for a Master of Public Health at UNSW (part-time). Included in her Master's studies has been a course: "Gender and Health: Implementing Best Practice in Reproductive and Sexual Health in South East Asia and the Pacific".

Additional to her commitment to studies, Angela has found time to involve herself in the Rural Allied Health and Medical Society (RAHMS) since 2000 and, in 2006, was co-Chair of the National Rural Health Network (NRHN). In her final year medicine, she will have elective placements in clinics in the Northern Territory and Western Australia, where she will gain valuable experience in primary health care and reproductive health. In the clinic in WA, at One Arm Point, she will be helping to implement a new sexual health program for adolescents.

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***Founder and Chair of Women's Plans Foundation***

*The aims of the Foundation are:*

- To promote a family planning component in overseas aid programs*
- To bring an enabling power to all women*
- To ease world population pressures thus evolving towards sustainability and peace.*

*Women in Australia are being given an ability to plan the number and spacing of children and know there are many ways to contribute to society. This is an ongoing work.*

*Women in third world countries, especially, welcome this knowledge.*

*Through the Foundation, we can share with all women who need to improve the health of their children and the sustainability of their communities.*



## ***National Council of Women NSW*** ***1896 – 2007***

*Celebrating 111 years of women's achievements and  
contributions to society*

## ***Australia Day Awards***

### ***2007***

## ***Award Recipients & Sponsors***

*Awards presented by*  
***Juliana Nkrumah***

*Project Officer, Diversity Health Institute, Past President ANCORW*

*at the*

***'Celebrate Being An Australian' Australia Day Luncheon***  
***Parliament House, Sydney***  
***January 25, 2007***

## National Council of Women New South Wales

Established in July, 1896 the objects of the Council are to bring together, in association, voluntary bodies, societies or associations of women and of women and men :

- To promote sympathy of thought and purpose among women of New South Wales;
- To uphold the social, civil and moral values and religious freedom of the community;
- To promote the interests and advancement of women and to secure their recognition in the community;
- To promote such conditions of life as will assure to every family and child an opportunity for full and free development, and to uphold the family as the basic unit of society;
- To form a link with National Councils of Women in other countries through the National Council of Women of Australia Inc and the International Council of Women.

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## From Beverley Pavey, President National Council of Women New South Wales

*In anticipation of this special day for the nine successful Award recipients, I have had time to reflect on how they have applied themselves with dedication and tenacity to achieve a successful result even when facing challenging situations. This year, it is a personal lesson for me as I work my way back to better health following surgery, which is the reason I am absent from this important occasion.*

*On behalf of the Council, I would like to congratulate today's Awardees. They are outstanding young women who have the capacity to influence society at home and abroad. I trust they will continue to reach for the high ideals they have set themselves.*

*Our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year was a reminder of the many similarly-gifted women who used their influence to help society. It is heart-warming to read about our Awardees and their goals and to know that they, too, will bring intellect and compassion to our communities in the years ahead. NCW is very pleased to be able to facilitate these awards to assist women graduates in their studies.*

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## The Awards Committee

*The Awards Committee congratulates the young women who are today receiving the **NCW NSW 2007 Australia Day Awards**. In attaining their high qualifications, they have demonstrated how courage, tenacity and dedication brings success and overcomes difficulties or disadvantages. We hope their future endeavours will not only bring satisfaction to themselves but also to others as they use their intellectual and creative abilities for the betterment of our society.*

**Additionally, we acknowledge the generous support of the Sponsors, without whom the achievements of the recipients could not be recognised.**

### Committee Members 2006/2007

Guest Committee Member – Carolyn Blanden, Past Principal, Meriden School  
Yvonne Rate AM, Principal Women's College, Sydney University  
Marjorie James OAM, NCW NSW Delegate, Women's Plans Foundation  
Beverley Pavey, President NCW NSW  
Nola Barkl, Secretary NCW NSW and Convener, Awards Committee

The Awards Committee thanks retiring members, Lennie Norgard and Pamela Coull, for their valued contributions.

## CHERYL ANN ORR

*Faculty of Social Science/Law  
Aboriginal Education Centre  
University of Western Sydney*

The value of education was instilled into Cheryl through the influence of her grandfather who learnt to read only when he was 60 years old. As a result, Cheryl has been motivated to pursue study despite the challenges she faced when an early pregnancy caused her to leave school in Year 9. Cheryl completed a business course and later studied at TAFE to achieve Certificates in Food Handling, Hospitality Work Options and Work Skills, all of which equipped her to be employed in a variety of jobs and to offer herself for voluntary work, for example, as Treasurer of Bonnyrigg Soccer Club.

Her decision to study law came from the realization that she had an obligation not only to better her own position in society but also that of her community. In 2001, to accomplish this goal, Cheryl undertook the combined degree of Bachelor of Social Science—Indigenous Studies Key Program/Bachelor of Law. She has completed the first degree and is currently undergoing a Post Graduate degree in Practical Legal Training.

Cheryl is the first generation of her family to complete a Bachelor Degree at university and is delighted that her son will enter university in 2007. She is passionate about Human Rights and feels her education will help her to be part of the network of people who endeavour to create equality within the modern world.

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### **The Office for Women NSW Premier's Department**

*The Office for Women has a vision of achieving justice and equity for the women of NSW in all aspects of their lives, including equal access to economic and social opportunities.*

*The Office's objectives reflect the issues that women in NSW have identified as important.*

*Working within a whole-of-government framework, and in partnership with business and the community, the Office delivers a number of programs targeted at increasing women's representation in leadership and decision-making positions. It provides information and resources via a website and regular newsletters, as well as policy advice and support to government.*

## KATE MORPHETT

Faculty of Education, Graduate Diploma in Education  
University of Wollongong

When Kate graduated from Blaxland High School after completing the HSC, she received a New South Wales Sporting Blue award for rowing and began competing in triathlons. She enrolled in Nuclear Medicine Technology at Sydney University but changed her mind after 18 months and discontinued the course.

She had always been active and involved in sport and was drawn to the course of Exercise Science at Wollongong University from where she graduated in 2004 with a B Sc (Exercise Science). In Wollongong she was able to pursue her love of sport and became a member of Fairy Meadow Surf Life Saving Club, commencing voluntary life-saving patrols. She has worked as a professional lifeguard with Kiama and Wollongong Councils. Additionally, Kate competed regularly in Surf Life Saving competitions in both the single and mixed ski events at local, state and national level.

Whilst undertaking her Graduate Diploma in Education during 2006, Kate developed Hodgkin's Lymphoma for which she has been undergoing treatment during the second half of the year. As a result, her final practicum will not be completed until 2007.

Kate has been praised by her tutors for her personal strength, positive attitude and genuine concern for others.

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### Australian Federation of University Women NSW Inc. (AFUW)

AFUW is an association of women graduates from universities throughout the world, founded in 1920 in The University of Sydney— at that time the sole university in New South Wales. It is now part of a national and international network and, through IFUW, has consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (since 1947) and affiliation with 180,000 members of 79 national affiliations.

At a local level, as well as bringing graduates together for friendship and hospitality, AFUW promotes and encourages education and research through scholarships to support women and girls. Currently, within NSW, AFUW currently provides two major awards for women graduates and, outside Australia, support is given to two women university students in Cambodia.

Apart from this commitment to help women achieve their potential through education and thus influence and benefit society, AFUW sees itself as the voice of women graduates promoting the advancement of women world wide and seeking the achievement of equality of opportunity through initiatives in education, friendship and peace.

## Message from Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Patron of NCW NSW Inc



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SYDNEY 2007

Australia Day is a time of joyful celebration for all loyal Australians, a time when we pause to consider the extraordinary assets and beauty of our country.

We also acknowledge the skills and commitments of individuals whose contributions have built the greatness of our nation.

I applaud, therefore the vision and initiative of the National Council of Women NSW for providing practical assistance in post graduate studies to deserving young Australian women in diverse fields. I have no doubt that this further experience and expansion of their knowledge will serve Australia well in the years ahead.

Congratulations and best wishes to all involved.

Marie R Bashir AC CVO  
Governor of New South Wales

## Message from the Australia Day Council



9 January 2007

Thank you for inviting a representative from our organisation to attend your Australia Day Lunch on Thursday, 25 January 2007. Unfortunately, on this occasion, your lunch clashes with our own Australia Day Lunch which is one of our major calendar events and we regret we are unable to provide a representative to you.

On behalf of the Chairman, members and staff of the Australia Day Council of New South Wales, I wish you an enjoyable and successful lunch on the 25th and continued success in 2007.

Happy Australia Day 2007!

Yours sincerely

**JOHN TREVILLIAN**  
Chief Executive Officer

## **KAREN BATE**

*Audiology Section, Linguistics Department  
Macquarie University, Sydney*

Karen is recommended as a student who has highly advanced clinical skills, particularly those interpersonal skills which are so important in a people-oriented career such as audiology. She has steadfastly applied herself in the Master of Clinical Audiology program which she commenced in 2005, having gained her BA in 2003 directly following her HSC.

During her period at university, Karen has found time to volunteer at Westmead Children's Hospital as well as undertaking teaching of students with learning and behavioural difficulties.

Karen is one of the strongest students in the program both clinically and academically, her strength of character and determination helping her through a difficult time when her mother was ill.

The Research Project undertaken by Karen was 'An investigation of the outcomes of cochlear implantation in children with auditory neuropathy using cortical auditory evoked potentials.' Hopefully, Karen will continue with this research in her spare time after she takes up a much sought after position, in January 2007, with Australian Hearing in Sydney.

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### ***Women of the Peninsula***

*Women of the Peninsula is a group of friends, many former members of Quota International of Peninsula, who have continued to enjoy each other's company after their club closed. Apart from meeting to renew friendships, the group works together on the Northern Beaches and Central Coast to raise funds, through the sale of Easter Chickens, for this annual Award. The Award is given to a student of Speech and Hearing in a continuation of a major focus of Quota International Inc.*

## **KATHLEEN ANORAH KING**

*School of Social Work  
Australian Catholic University Ltd*

Kathleen grew up on the South Coast in the delightful area of Moruya and demonstrated a keen interest in social work from a young age. It was to be expected, then, that Kathleen's first degree was a Bachelor of Psychology. It was undertaken at Australian National University. Again, in Canberra, she found the Social Work degree she wanted to study and undertook the Bachelor of Social Work at the Australian Catholic University. This was taken up to an honours level. Her thesis topic is "Terrorism, Moral Panic and the Media: The Need for a Rights-based Approach in Social Work."

At the beginning of this degree, Kathleen was a cancer survivor and ill health returned during her honours year. However, her strong commitment to her studies will see her graduate in March this year.

Kathleen has involved herself in volunteer work with youth groups, indigenous communities, elderly people and non-government welfare organizations. Some of her experience, working with a care and protection agency, has focused on the area of family violence. She has worked with the Eurobodalla Mental Health Team and has also gained experience working with, engaging and being responsible for 38 adolescent girls at a female boarding house where she was overnight supervisor. She takes up a challenging position this year assisting individuals with their transition back to the community after a psychiatric hospital admission.

Kathleen feels her work experiences have taught her the importance of human interaction and the need to provide assistance and support to disadvantaged groups. It has also reinforced her belief in the need for social justice and the acceptance and respect for diverse groups.

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### ***Soroptimist International Region of NSW***

*Soroptimist International is a worldwide organisation of women in management and the professions, working through service projects to advance the status of women.*

*Soroptimists promote:*

*HUMAN RIGHTS  
EQUALITY  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT and  
PEACE*

*Soroptimist International Region of New South Wales is a member of the Federation of the South West Pacific. The first club was Soroptimist International of Sydney, chartered in 1937. There are now thirteen clubs throughout New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.*

## **JOCELYN HIU CHING HO**

*Sydney Conservatorium of Music  
University of Sydney*

Jocelyn came with her family from Hong Kong and attended secondary school at St George Girls' High from 1994-1999. An outstanding student, in her final year she was Dux and took Firsts in 3U Music, 4U Mathematics, 2U Physics, 2U Chemistry and General Proficiency. Her achievements in piano studies were no less daunting. She attained the Associate Diploma of Music in 1997 and the Licentiate in 2000, in that year performing in the Higher School Certificate Showcase at the Sydney Opera House. She had topped the State in 3U Music Performance in the HSC in 1999.

With such diverse and highly developed abilities which scored her a UAI of 100, how does a young woman choose her career? For Jocelyn, it was firstly Medicine at UNSW in 2000. She completed one year, then moved across to Engineering for another year and, in her third year, settled into Science (Mathematics and Computer Science) to gain her Bachelor degree in 2004.

Concurrently, however, Jocelyn studied from 2001-2004 to gain a Diploma of Arts (specializing in Music) from the University of Sydney. This led her to enter a Master of Music at the University of Missouri at Kansas City where she gave a Recital at its Grant Hall before transferring to Sydney in 2006 to continue her Master's study.

At the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Jocelyn is a student of Gerard Willems. Later this year, she has been offered the opportunity of having lessons with the prestigious pianist and pedagogue Lorin Hollander in the USA. A performance with an orchestra is likely to be included in this visit. Offers to perform in Hong Kong are also under consideration. The award will assist Jocelyn in broadening her musical experiences.

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#### ***The Women's Club***

*The Women's Club at 179 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, was formed on 9 October 1901 and is the longest established women's club in New South Wales. The prime object of the Club is "to promote culture by encouraging and facilitating the study, practice and appreciation of music, art, science and literature". To achieve this objective, the Club holds a wide variety of activities and circles.*

*The Club premises are in the heart of the city and offer deluxe accommodation for country members, a dining and sitting room overlooking Hyde Park, and other facilities such as a library and a bridge room. It has affiliation with clubs in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.*

## **LOUISE CAUCHI**

*Faculty of Law  
University of Sydney*

Having left Maroubra Bay High School in Year 9 to take up an opportunity of studying ballet full-time, Louise was fulfilling the expectations of her teachers. She was awarded the Royal Academy of Dancing Solo Seal in 1990; moved to Europe and graduated from the Hamburg State Ballet School; and in 1991, was chosen for the Corps de Ballet, London City Ballet, Sadler's Wells Theatre where she danced throughout Europe and Russia.

In 1993, open knee surgery brought all of this to a halt. After her rehabilitation, Louise undertook a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at University of Greenwich, London, graduating in 1997. Understandably, her thesis topic was: "*Performers' Rights in the United Kingdom*".

Conversion examinations were required when Louise returned to Sydney in 1999. With courage, determination and hard work, Louise applied herself to study whilst working full-time and, in 2002, was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW. The following year, Louise was admitted as a candidate for the degree of Master of Laws (Research) at USYD, successfully upgrading to become a PhD candidate in 2005. Her current research is entitled "*Cosmetic Surgery and the Law of Negligence: An Infectious Passion for Beauty?*". Her thesis will emphasise the need for further governance and legal reform of the cosmetic surgery industry in Australia.

Louise is a member of the Doctoral Students Network (DSN). This award will assist her in attending a conference in Japan where she hopes to present a paper at the 8th Association of Pacific Rim Universities Doctoral Students Conference.

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## **CLARE ELIZABETH FLANAGAN**

*International Studies/Bachelor of Nursing  
University of Technology, Sydney*

Clare's parents were on an international aid program in Swaziland, Africa, when she was born 21 years ago. Clare remembers those early years and was inspired by her mother's compassion and drive to help others as she went about her nursing duties. On their return to Australia, the family lived in Goonellabah. Clare went to primary school in Lismore, NSW, and secondary school on the Gold Coast in Queensland, gaining her HSC in 2003. She was the top Queensland student studying Italian and was granted a scholarship to attend a leading Italian boarding school for six months.

Study at UTS has provided Clare with the opportunity of combining her two major interests: a love of the Italian language and culture and a desire to study nursing. The in-country period of her studies commences this year and Clare has already left Sydney for Italy where she will attend the University of Bologna for 12 months. During this time, she hopes to do some volunteer work in the Italian health care system. She should complete her final year of nursing in Sydney in 2008.

Clare writes: *"Having cultural understanding and being multi-lingual is a priceless skill for any health care professional and my time overseas gives me the opportunity to enhance this. I am interested in nursing internationally and being a medical translator in Australia or overseas."*

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***Zonta Club of Sydney Inc.***

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 68 countries and geographic areas.

Zonta International seeks to:

- improve the legal, political, economic, health, educational and professional status of women through service and advocacy;
- work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions;
- promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, implement service programs, and provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.

The Zonta Club of Sydney – serving the community of Sydney since 1966.

## **TANYA LOUISE GURNETT**

*Macquarie University  
Humanities Faculty*

In Tanya's words: *"My goal is to make Australian history more accessible to the public through a variety of mediums, written and visual. I wish to combine my own historical expertise with that of others to participate in public history programs which share this goal."*

Tanya is well positioned to achieve her goal. She has just received First Class Honours in Modern History at Macquarie University. Her first degree was a Bachelor of Arts (History/Politics/Philosophy) at University of Western Sydney and she plans to complete a Law degree. After that, she may return to the Modern History Department for postgraduate research.

In the immediate future, however, Tanya will be undertaking a paid internship for six months with Parramatta Park Trust as a Curatorial intern. The role will include sourcing pictures of early colonial history and conducting research which can provide background information to those pictures.

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***Dr Maurine Goldston-Morris OAM***

*Maurine is a Life Member of International and National Council of Women, NSW and past Australian and NSW Convener for Habitat, Environment and Heritage. Maurine's passion has been early Australian history, her contributions to its preservation having been recognized with a Medal in the Order of Australia.*

*The list of her involvement and acknowledgements is prodigious: President of The Arthur Phillip Society; co-Founder with the NSW Geography Teachers of the Governor Phillip Awards for fieldwork, which began in 1988 with 100 schools and has since spread throughout Australian schools and universities; Freedom of the City of London for British Naval History; the 'Lazo de Dama in the Order of Isabel La Catolica' from HM King Juan Carlos of Spain for her 'Navigational History of the World'; the International Peace Prize in 2004 by the Authority of the United Cultural Convention of America for her contribution as a member of the International Parliament for Safety and Peace, held in Perugia, Italy; and, most recently, a Paul Harris Award from Rotary for her involvement and support of ROMAC.*

**and**

***The National Council of Women of New South Wales***

Motto: "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you"