

NCWSA UPDATE

January-February 2017

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2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Council Meetings:

2nd Thursday of month 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Executive Meetings:

4th Monday of the month 7.00pm

All meetings at NCW House

Contact NCW Office for further details of above events.

Thursday 9 February: NCWSA Advisers' Meeting 5.30pm:

NCWSA Council Meeting 6.30pm for 7.00pm start:

Meet the Advisers

Sunday 12 February: 10am Bangka Day Memorial Service:

Speaker: The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson AO

Monday 13 February: 5.15pm start – 7.30pm 2017 RIRDC Rural Women's Award;

Monday 27 February: NCWSA Executive Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday 8 March: IWD Luncheon theme: Talking About Domestic Violence with a panel of guest speakers 11.45am for Noon sharp start Adelaide Convention Centre. Book now at trybooking.com/NNIN Tickets \$60pp

Thursday 9 March: NCWSA Council Meeting 6.30pm for 7.00pm start: author talk by Anne McLeod, *The Summit of Her Ambition The spirited life of Marie Byles First woman lawyer of NSW, feminist activist with Jessie Street, environmentalist, mountaineer, early Western Buddhist.*

Friday 10th March: International Women's Day Breakfast special guest speaker former Prime Minister the Hon Julia Gillard at Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace Adelaide. Doors open 6.15 for 7am sharp start
"TICKETS @ TRYBOOKING"

Monday 27 March:

11am: Mother's Union Lady Day Service, St Peter's Cathedral
12.30pm: WCTUSA 128th Annual Convention, 255 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Cowandilla.

Saturday 8 April: NCWSA Seminar, NCW House, 95 South Terrace, Adelaide.

Monday 27 March NCWSA Executive Meeting 7.00pm.

NO NCWSA COUNCIL MEETING IN APRIL DUE TO EASTER LONG WEEKEND

Friday 19 May: 11.00am-4.00pm **Saturday 20 May:** NCWSA & History Festival

Contact NCW Office for further details of above events.

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National Council of Women South Australia -
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NCWSA celebrates the achievements of South Australian women recognised Australia Day 2017 including

❖ COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Australia Day 2017 was awarded to:

The Honourable Julia Eileen GILLARD, South Australia.

For eminent service to the Parliament of Australia, particularly as Prime Minister, through seminal contributions to economic and social development, particularly policy reform in the areas of education, disability care, workplace relations, health, foreign affairs and the environment, and as a role model to women.

❖ Sandra Dann was 2017 winner "Women Hold Up Half the Sky Award."

This Award is part of the Australia Day Council of South Australia Awards. This is the only award with the Australia Day Awards specifically acknowledging the contribution women make to our community.

Sandra Dann is the Director of the Working Women's Centre in South Australia and has made a career of advocating for the rights of women at work and has been part of numerous committees, panels and advisory groups including being a founding member of, and adviser to, the Board and Staff of the Working Women's Centre in Timor-Leste established in 2009. Sandra is also a key campaigner in the prevention of violence against women, working to raise awareness of domestic violence as a workplace issue and to advocate for domestic violence workplace policies and leave.

(adapted from:

<https://www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au/>)

❖ Wendy McGuffog, Burnside Council's Community Citizen of the Year.

NCWSA Associate Member Wendy McGuffog was a former NCWSA Executive Member, Graduate SA delegate to NCWSA and the Ruth Gibson Memorial Award Management Committee.

Wendy believes the important thing as you get older is to keep busy. With her considerable hours volunteering during the past two decades she has followed her own rule. She started as a social worker in Elizabeth for Catholic Schools in 1977.

(adapted: *Messenger Community News – Eastern Courier Messenger – 1 Feb 2017*)

Introducing:

Sandra Richards: Environment Adviser



I started work at Perry Engineering from business college, as a comptometrist in their costing /pay office. I met my husband Phill through Perry's 1000 employees so most of us young girls married from the selection in factory. Phill and I have been married for 51 years this April. We have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Thanks to my mum, who was a volunteer in everything she belonged to, even in her last years from a wheel chair. A life of volunteering started with *Mothers and Babies Association*, and I chaired the local Progress Association. In my Church life I held many positions, Sunday School teacher, administration officer for the parish, oversaw the building of new church, church treasurer , assisted with running of youth group up to 80 kids, Elder for 12 years, and netball umpire for 11 years. During this time I was working part-time for my Aunt, who had retail fashion shop at Wattle Park.

I decided I needed a hobby and took up leadlight. I started my own business making panels for furniture companies, and I also made the Uniting Church symbol in our new church doors. I was approached to join IJF as a kitchen designer, a position I held for 13 years. We then started up our own business of Diamond and Carbide Tooling.

My Soroptimist volunteering has been part of my life for the last 18 years. I have held most positions at my club level plus for Region of SA. I am currently Federation Assistant Programme Director & Joint Editor of *SPAN*, our monthly newsletter. I have attended SI conferences, which have been a catalyst for Phill and me to add on overseas holidays.

At same time I have been a member of NCWSA, on executive, vice president, newsletter editor, minute secretary for many years, and a delegate from SISA. I have also held the position of Environment Adviser in the past. I'm currently NCWSA War Memorial Fund Secretary and Treasurer overseeing the bookings for NCW House. I am a member of UNAA SA Status of Women Committee, a mentor with Volunteer SA & NT, on the Social Activities Committee Cruising Yacht Club of SA (CYCSA), and ACSO committee. (Association of Combined Services Organisations). I was recognised for my community work receiving the Irene Bell Community Service Award. In between times Phill and I have travelled overseas together, enjoyed our many camping holidays and sailed the Gulf St Vincent many times in our yacht *OKI*.

Selected from: A RIGHT TO SAFETY – eNEWS Monday, 23 January 2017

- Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA) has developed a [Human Rights Toolkit for Women and Girls with Disability](#). The toolkit provides information on human rights and how to lead change for women and girls with disability.
- The Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Hon Zoe Bettison MP, has launched the 2017 Stronger Families, Stronger Communities grants. Grants are available for projects or initiatives that are aimed at building the capacity, knowledge and skills within the community. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 17 February 2017.
- On 14 February 2017, 1800RESPECT are holding a webinar on Workplace Responses to Gender Based Violence. This webinar will help employers to address gender-based violence as a workplace issue by developing and implementing policy and responses to support employees who experience or perpetrate such violence.
- The Australian Law Reform Commission is seeking submissions on an Elder Abuse discussion paper containing 43 proposals for law reform including the proposed development of a national plan to address elder abuse. Submissions close on 27 February 2017.
- The Women's Information Service coordinates the free Family Court Support program providing trained volunteers to accompany women to the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court in Adelaide. Family Court Support volunteers attend a comprehensive training program and are experienced with the court processes and in accompanying women to court.

Source: Office for Women – A Right to Safety (Women's Safety Strategy)

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The South Australian Government's Women's Safety Strategy, *A Right to Safety*, recognises that violence against women is a human rights issue and outlines South Australia's commitment to the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children*.