

NCWSA UPDATE March 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

Wednesday 8 March

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

IWD Luncheon: 11.45am to seated by 12 noon, Adelaide Convention Centre

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: 2017 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

Saturday 18 March: *Beautifulmind Beautifulworld Market*, NCW House, 95 South Terrace, Adelaide.

Sunday 19 March: *Beautifulmind Beautifulworld Market*, NCW House, 95 South Terrace, Adelaide.

Monday 20 March: Joint Commonwealth Societies Council Commonwealth Day reception, Wyatt Hall, Pulteney Grammar School, 190 South Terrace, Adelaide, at 5.15pm Cost: \$25/head RSVP 15 March. Details from NCWSA Office. **Sunday 25 March:** Yoga for Peace and Harmony; 10.30am UNAA SA Division, Veale Gardens, South Terrace Adelaide. Cost: free, RSVP to eventssa@unaa.org.au

Monday 27 March: 12.30pm: WCTUSA 128th Annual Convention, 255 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Cowandilla.

Tuesday 28 March: Penguin Club Dinner Meeting, guest speaker: Pamela Rajkowski OAM, "Afghan Cameleers – Their arrival and establishing their Families in Australia", Naval, Military and Airforce Club, 111 Hutt Street, Adelaide, 6.00pm - 8pm.; bar meal -\$23. RSVP by **Thursday 23 March 2017** by phoning Julia on 8371 2728 (home) 0497 009129 (mob) email bjgazz052@gmail.com

Wednesday 29 March: Lord Mayoral reception to announce 2017 Zonta Club Women of Achievement Awards, 6.00pm - 7.30pm Adelaide Town Hall Banqueting Room, by invitation. Saturday 8 April: NCWSA Seminar, NCW House, 95 South Terrace, Adelaide.

NO NCWSA COUNCIL MEETING IN APRIL:

Sunday 30 April: The Penguin Club in SA 70th anniversary; luncheon celebration, 12.00 for 12.30pm, *Auchendarroch House*, 17 Adelaide Road, Mount Barker, RSVP: by Friday 7 April 2017: Sandra Lindemann, 16/23 Alpha Rd, Prospect SA 5082.Ph: 0421 879 133. Email:lindemannsandra0@gmail.com

Wednesday 3 May: "Whisky Galore", Capri Theatre, 141 Goodwood Road, Goodwood 9.45am morning tea, 10.00am organ recital 10.30am film. ; tickets \$12.00pp available NCW SA Office.

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

18 -24 June 2017: SA Refugee Week

Contact NCW Office for further details of above events.



IWD 2017 campaign theme: #BeBoldForChange

For International Women's Day 2017, we're asking you to **#BeBoldForChange**. Call on yourself to help forge a better working world - a more gender inclusive world.

International Women's Day as a vehicle for change, is it possible?

Last year, organizations and individuals around the world supported the **#PledgeForParity campaign** and committed to help women and girls achieve their ambitions; challenge conscious and unconscious bias; call for gender-balanced leadership; value women and men's contributions equally; and create inclusive flexible cultures. From awareness raising to concrete action, organizations **rallied their people to pledge support** to help forge gender parity on International Women's Day (IWD) and beyond.

But the World Economic Forum predicts the **gender gap won't close entirely until 2186**. This is too long to wait. Around the world, IWD can be an important catalyst and vehicle for driving greater change for women and moving closer to gender parity.

What if the world truly stepped up to take bold action?

Will you **#BeBoldForChange** on International Women's Day 2017 and beyond by taking ground-breaking action that truly drives the greatest change for women.

Each one of us - with women, men and non-binary people joining forces - can be a leader within our own spheres of influence by taking bold pragmatic action to accelerate gender parity. Through purposeful collaboration, we can help women advance and unleash the limitless potential offered to economies the world over.

We have urgent work to do. Are you ready to **#BeBoldForChange** this IWD 2017 and beyond?

Adapted: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

**The Rural Industries Research and
Development Corporation (RIRDC),
South Australian Rural Women's Award 2017.**

On Monday 13th I had the pleasure of attending the announcement of the winner of the RIRDC South Australian Rural Women's Award for 2017. The ceremony was held at Piper Alderman in Franklin Street, where the background was a 180 degree panorama of the Southern Hills, suburbs and beaches.

Guests were welcomed with a glass of wine from the Angove Company, which was one of the many sponsors of the awards.

Victoria Angove very capably took on the duties of MC for the evening. She introduced Ms. Robbie Davis, last year's winner who described how the award has assisted her to set up a company to produce starch from the State's wasted potatoes. She was very inspiring and confident.

Short speeches were given by Minister for Agriculture, Hon Leon Bignell MP, Dr. Len Stephens from RIRDC, Mr. Scott Ashby from PIRSA, Mr. Brad Higgins from Westpac (another sponsor) who advised that Westpac will be celebrating 200 years of service during 2017, and Ms. Bianca Battistella from Piper Alderman.

The three finalists were Ms. Bridget Ransome, Ms. Louise Flohr and Ms. Simone Kain. Ms. Angove provided a short description of each of their projects should they be successful in winning the \$10,000 prize.

It fell to Minister Bignall to announce that Ms. Simone Kain was the winner. Her project was to make young people aware of where their food and fibre comes from and to that end she has already produced two books about farming aimed at children with two characters called 'George and Ruby'. She wants now to produce several apps and increase coverage. Her theme revolves around education of youngsters on how a farm works and what it produces.

The other two finalists were awarded certificates. Ms. Kain will go on to represent S.A. in the national title in October this year.

At the conclusion of the evening guests were invited to stay and talk with the finalists and enjoy some light refreshments.

There were many industry representatives present and also former Premier of South Australia, Mr. Rob Kerin. It was a most enjoyable event.

Elaine Attwood AM
Associate Member



**Simone Kain 2017 RIRDC South Australian
Rural Women's Award winner**

**NCWSA Seminar Series
2017 Seminar Dates**

Save the date

8 April: *Women in Science*

**12 August: *Environment and
Climate Change***

11 November: *Great Women of SA*

**2017 Seminar series
Women in
Sciences**

Many scholars and policy makers have noted that the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) have been predominantly male occupations, with historically low participation among women.

Gender bias and stereotyping begins at an early age -did you know that two thirds of children aged nine to eleven draw a man when asked to draw a scientist? Only 16% of university and VET STEM graduates and 17% of STEM professors today are female.

Come along to hear stories from successful women in sciences today. What can we do to inspire and promote women into the STEM professions?

95 South Tce, Adelaide

8 April 2017

9.00am -12.30pm

**\$10.00 or \$5.00 concession & participation
certificates available to all attendees**

Registrations: NCWSA

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