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President's Message June 2018



Dear Members

Last week the Hon Simone McGurk MLA, the Western Australian Minister for Women, hosted a Morning Tea at Parliament House for members of the NCWWA Executive and Life Members

The Morning Tea included the presentation to the NCWWA 2018 STEM

Bursary winner and runner -up.

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NCWWA STEM Bursary winner 2018, Laura Harris

minute and made the presentations.

It was a most enjoyable morning and my thanks to all involved in organising the event. It was also a great opportunity to meet both incredible young women and their families and in the coming months both young women will attend a NCWWA meeting. Both women have become members of NCWWA. Thank you also to all who make the NCWWA Bursary possible especially the NCWWA Life Members.



NCWWA STEM Bursary runner up 2018, Dana McMullen

NCWWA has plans in place for a fundraising **movie afternoon to be held on 12 August 2018.** I do

hope you will all support the afternoon. A flyer providing details for the afternoon is included later in the Newsletter. **The Movie- "The Wife"- as the apparently perfect wife of a Nobel prize-winning writer, Glenn Close gives arguably her best ever performance in an adaption of Meg Wolitzer's novel.**

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Behind every great man is a woman- and this film tells the story of her husband's success through the eyes of one such woman. "The Wife" premiered at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival and is scheduled for release in Australia in early August.

As it is almost the end of the financial year membership fees are due from 1 July 2018 for the 2018-2019 year. A notice reminding all NCWWA Affiliate Organisations and Associate members will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. I do hope you will all continue your NCWWA membership as we continue our important work advocating for women and their families.

Thank you to all who attended the NCWWA June General meeting and for supporting the resolutions discussed at the meeting
Details of the resolutions are included in the Newsletter. NCWWA will be sending three

resolutions to the NCWA Triennial Conference. Further information is also available in the Newsletter regarding the NCWA Triennial Conference which is being held 17-19 October 2018 in Canberra. Booking can now be made for the Conference as an early bird structure has been put in place.

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Leanne Barron CEO Starick, second from right as Guest Speaker at the May 2018 General Meeting

NCWWA Adviser Positions:



Representing the NCWA membership of Affiliate and Associate members in each Australian State and the ACT there are five National Advisers who have expertise, knowledge or an interest in

- Status of Women
- Sustainable Development
- General Wellbeing
- Communication
- Social Issues.

NCWWA as in the other States and the ACT have a number of State advisers aligned to the above areas who may provide informed research and advice.

Currently in NCWWA there are two adviser positions vacant.

- Arts and Culture
- Regional, Rural and Remote

The NCWWA Standing Committee meets quarterly and each adviser provides a short written report. If you are interested in helping NCWWA and have an interest in the above areas please contact

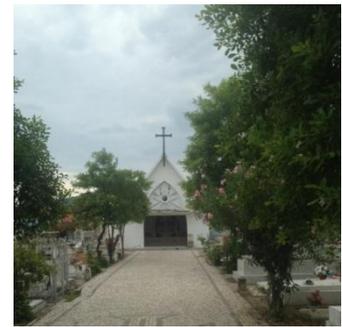
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Timor-Leste

In the last twelve months I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit Timore-Leste twice as a voluntary international observer for the Parliamentary elections. In 2017 when, unfortunately for Timor-Leste, the parliamentary election produced no clear winner and again more recently in May 2018 where the Change for Progress Alliance (AMP) was elected after winning 34 of the 65 seat Parliament.

As many will be aware East Timor declared itself independent from Portugal on 28 November 1975 and was invaded by Indonesia nine days later. The country was later incorporated as a province of Indonesia. After 25 years of Indonesian rule and a horrific annexation where at least 200,000 people were killed by the Indonesian forces East Timor declared itself a nation on 20 May 2002 and was renamed Timor- Leste in September 2002. The road to independence was a long and violent one



Santa Cruz cemetery in Dili where the Santa Cruz massacre took place in 1991.

Timor-Leste Asia's youngest democracy has struggled to alleviate poverty, stamp out corruption and develop its rich oil and gas reserves. Tetun Prasa is spoken in the capital Dili as opposed to the more traditional version spoken in rural areas known as Tetun Terik. Tetun Prasa is now taught in schools and the country has the American Dollar as its currency. Portuguese is still the language for the Parliament and the Courts.



The Timor-Leste landscape

During my stay most of my time was spent in the capital Dili however on both visits I spent election day in Aileu a municipality, 47 kms from Dili, a mountainous region with beautiful views of the paddy fields and stunning landscapes but with extremely poor road conditions.

Women in Timor-Leste face many challenges including high poverty levels as well as high levels of malnutrition, gender based violence and a lack of opportunities to be seen as community leaders. The culture is still very patriarchal and as such women and girls don't have power to make decisions. Only around 20% of women are in the workforce and alarmingly one quarter of all teenage girls in Timor-Leste will fall pregnant and have a baby by the time they are twenty years of age.



Timor-Leste women lining up to vote

Robyn Nolan
President NCWWA

2018 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE National Council of Women of Australia (NCWA)

17,18,19 October 2018 QT Hotel 1 London Circuit Canberra.



Hot air balloons
over Canberra

The Triennial Conference timetable.

Wednesday afternoon: (17 October 2018) a closed session including resolution discussion.

Thursday and Friday morning: the Conference will be open to delegates and non-members.

Friday afternoon: the Annual General Meeting will be a session open to members only.

Thursday evening: A Conference dinner will be held at the QT Hotel.

Speakers include the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP Minister for Women the Hon Sharman Stone, the Australian Ambassador for Women and Girls, Kate Jenkins Sex Discrimination Commissioner and Phyllis Williams Chairperson HAAG.

Fees:

Early Bird Rate Conference Fees: (by 31 August 2018)

Members \$330
Non Members \$375

Conference Fees:– (Post 31 August 2018)

Members \$350
Non Members \$395

Dinner:

Members \$70
Non members \$80

NCWWA FUNDRAISING



Date of next General Meeting

NCWWA

Monday 23 July 2018

1.00pm

160 Hay St, East Perth

Guest Speaker

Kathryn Lawrence



CEO Citizens Advice Bureau

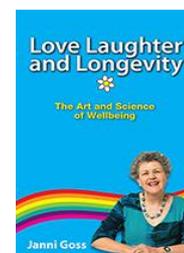
Citizens Advice Bureau of WA (CAB) is an independent, not for profit organisation providing information and referral, low cost legal services and mediation.

LOVE LAUGHTER AND LONGEVITY

Author Janni Goss

Janni has offered her book to NCWWA members at a discounted price of \$25 per book (RRP \$30), donating \$5 from the \$25 of each sale to NCWWA. Janni will have books available for purchase at NCWWA General Meetings.

Janni is available for "wellbeing" workshops based on the book. Janni's web: <http://lovelaughterandlongevity.co>



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STEM BURSARY PRESENTATION

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(L) NCWWA Life Members, NCWWA executive members, families and friends of the bursars on the steps of Parliament House after the presentation ceremony



(L-R) Cassie Rowe MLA member for Belmont, Bursar Laura Harris, runner up bursar Dana McMullen and Robyn Nolan President NCWWA



Dana and Laura with their proud parents



AFFILIATE NEWS



Australian Church Women Inc.

2018 NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

open to all Year 9 GIRLS

First prize: \$150 Runner up: \$50

Theme: A Christian Woman Who Has Inspired Me



Australian Church Women Inc, which operates in all states and territories of Australia is sponsoring an Essay Writing Competition open to Year 9 schoolgirls in Australia. The essay must be between 600 and 800 words and to be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word. The winner will receive \$150 prize and the runner up, \$50.

- The competition will be held in the third school term.
- The essay should be well organised and structured. For example: Why did you choose this particular person? What is it about her that inspires you? How is her story helping you as you explore the direction for your own life?
- It should be in your own words and any **references to other documentation should be shown in a bibliography** at the end of the essay. Grammar and organisation of your essay will also be important.
- Judges will be impartial and will include academics and representatives from Australian Church Women Inc
- Essay to be available for use in Australian Church Women Inc publications

Application forms available from acwessay@gmail.com

Application forms to be sent in no later than end of second term 2018

Essays to be sent electronically to acwessay@gmail.com by no later than midnight 3rd August 2018.

Winners will be announced by email on Monday 15th October 2018

Due to popular request, essays from boys will be accepted from this year

ADVOCACY ACTION

Resolutions:

1. Superannuation:

NCWWA calls on the Federal Government to introduce superannuation reform to

- 1. remove the \$450.00 monthly threshold from one employer to ensure everyone in employment received some superannuation.**
- 2. include superannuation in the government parental leave payment.**

Part one of this resolution has already been passed at a NCWWA meeting. Part two of the resolution is now included for the resolution to go to the NCWA Triennial Conference. Both these superannuation reforms are supported by NCWA however in order to keep these important proposed reforms in the public domain the resolution needs to be one of the resolutions on the NCWA resolution agenda at the Triennial conference.

Average lower earnings, time out of the workforce and longer life expectancy are just some of the reasons women are on the backfoot when it comes to superannuation.

According to the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia an estimated 365,000 Australians (predominately women) are missing out on a total of \$125m of super contributions each year because of the threshold. Low-income earners who work on a casual or part-time basis are largely affected by the rule, as they work a number of jobs that each pay below the super guarantee threshold.

Superannuation is paid on all forms of leave except parental leave. Lack of a superannuation payment on parental leave is a contributing factor to why women end up with less superannuation than men. The 2017 Hilda Survey found that Australian women retired with an average super balance of \$230,000 while men retire with about twice this amount. Currently the super system works against women halting work to have or raise a family.

2. Vocational Education and Training (VET)

NCWWA calls on the Federal Government along with State and Territory governments to properly review the VET system to adequately meet the needs for future jobs. VET training including public and private providers, should include modular training to enable diversification and training in local communities.

Vocational Education and Training in Australia is in crisis as there is a skills shortage affecting trades with Apprenticeships, traineeships and participation in TAFE courses still declining in many states including Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. There continues to be a proliferation of courses with worthless qualifications. Figures from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) indicate that in Western Australia in December 2017 only 6890 women commenced training down 6.8% from December 2016.

Of the 38 occupations listed on official Department of Employment 2016-2017 Australian Skills shortage list 26 are occupations who require an apprenticeship.

Many of the VET courses are still including skills no longer required rather than teaching for future jobs. Stephen Parker, the national lead partner for education with KPMG says creativity, curiosity, emotional intelligence, teamwork, communication and strategic skills will become crucial elements in the employability spectrum.



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NATIONAL COUNCIL of WOMEN of WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Is holding a

MOVIE AFTERNOON

Sunday 12 August

at the

CYGNET THEATRE

16 Preston St
COMO

3.00 pm

The WIFE

Starring Glenn Close and Johnathon Pryce

\$20 per person

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The Wife

As the apparently-perfect wife of a Nobel prize-winning writer, Close gives arguably her best ever performance in an adaptation of Meg Wolitzer's novel Behind every great man is a woman. And this film tells the story of her husband's success through the eyes of one such woman. This solid drama posts a situation in which the wife's contribution turns out to be somewhat more integral to the work than simply providing a few cups of tea and words of praise here and there.