

President's Message October 2022

Dear Members

National Council of Women Western Australia (NCWWA) has a new Patron. As you are all aware the Honourable Christopher John Dawson APM was sworn in as 34th Governor of Western Australia on 15 July 2022. The Governor of Western Australia is appointed by the King on the advice of the Premier. The Governor's role is broad and includes responsibilities related to:

- the Constitution
- Ceremonial and Celebratory Representations as Head of State in WA
- the Community
- Advocacy on behalf of the State



NCWWA received notification on 6 October 2022 that His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson APM has accepted my invitation to become Patron of NCWWA and is looking forward to future involvement with NCWWA.

Special thanks must also go to the former Governor the Honourable Kim Beazley AC who was the former Patron of NCWWA.



From 1 October 2022 Australians with advanced or metastatic gastro-oesophageal cancers will have access to new treatment through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). The PBS listing of Nivolumab (Opdivo) will be expanded for the treatment of these cancers and provide affordable treatment. The government is also reducing the cost of medications for millions of Australians by reducing the PBS co-payment from the current maximum of \$42.50 per script to a maximum of \$30 per script from 1 January 2023.

The Australian Government is also investing \$33.6 million in medical research grants for a number of projects to help the number of Australians affected by heart disease and stroke. Sadly heart disease and stroke are two of the leading causes of death in Australia. The Heart Foundation has led the fight against heart disease in Australia for more than sixty years. Cardiovascular research will continue to save and improve the lives of the many thousands of people touched by heart disease every year.

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Australia and in particular Western Australia needs to increase the participation and retention of women in engineering. Engineering has the lowest female representation of the STEM professions, with just 16% of Australian engineering graduates and 13% of the Australian engineering workforce female (June 2022). Recent research commissioned by Engineers Australia has identified key areas that need to be addressed:

- The main reason stated by women who did not study engineering was lack of familiarity of engineering, there is little awareness of what engineering involves;
- A lack of positive perceptions of the engineering profession-seen as male dominated and challenging and not impactful or fulfilling;
- Poor STEM involvement throughout schooling-many girls don't feel supported to do well in STEM;
- Whilst generally a positive experience studying engineering at university, students feel less supported to do well in their studies, compared to other degrees;
- Most female engineers feel valued at work and are passionate about their work, however there are significant issues for women with workplace culture and unequal opportunities.



Dr Shirley Liu from Auspoint Skin Cancer & Health Clinic spoke recently at a NCWWA Council meeting about skin cancer

and the risk factors. According to Australia's Department of Health and Ageing Australia has one of the highest incidence and mortality rates in the world. The facts surrounding skin cancer prove that this is a totally preventable disease. With sensible sun exposure habits and regular skin check-ups it is possible to prevent skin cancer from affecting your skin. The following risk factors for skin cancer maybe of interest:

- a lighter natural skin colour
- skin that burns, freckles, reddens easily or becomes painful
- blue or green eyes
- blonde or red hair
- certain types or a large number of moles
- a family history of skin cancer
- older age

According to the Department of Communities more women in Western Australia are attaining higher qualifications and girls do well at school. Women also live longer and healthier lives. However, women have lower starting salaries and pay, lower workforce participation, fewer opportunities for workplace leadership and less superannuation to retire on, domestic violence is a key reason women use homelessness services. Furthermore Aboriginal women, women from lower socio-economic backgrounds and women with disability face additional challenges.



I recently had the opportunity to attend the official launch for nominations of the 2023 WA Women's Hall of Fame. The Minister for Women's Interests the Hon Simone McGurk MLA officially launched nominations which opened 12 September 2022. Nominations close 4 December 2022. The 2023 Inductees will be inducted in March 2023. There are eight categories, Community, Sport, Business, Health, Education, The Art, Culture and STEM.

The WA Women's Hall of Fame AGM was also held recently and the Hon Kerry Sanderson AC CVO former Governor of Western Australia, Women's Hall of Fame 2015 Inductee and 2023 'Call for Nominations Champion' was the special guest and guest speaker. Fiona Reid was re-elected WAWHOF President, I remain a Committee member and Sally Plummer continues in her role as Treasurer. A priority for the coming year is to extend the reach of the touring exhibition, have greater engagement with the WAWHOF alumni and secure resources to hold additional events.

The Karrakatta Club Advocacy Series recently held a 'Panel Discussion' chaired by Professor Samina Yasmeen with a number of panelists including Andrea Creado CEO Multicultural Women's Health Services who has over 20 years experience of working with varied ethnic communities in a community health setting. Andrea is also a Councillor with the City of Stirling.



Graduate Women WA held a 'Gala Day' in early October to celebrate its 99-year history in being influential in providing opportunities for women in higher education, the professions and government.

The NCWA Conference is being held in Canberra 10 and 11 November 2022. The date has been moved to November and it appears from the Conference flyer that the actual Conference is now a half day only on the Friday. Given the cost of airfares it does seem a long way to go for a half day Conference. The NCWA Conference flyer is attached to this Newsletter.

NCWWA is holding a 'Movie Afternoon' on Sunday 30 October 2022 at the Windsor Cinema Nedlands **"Mrs Harris Goes to Paris"** - a movie which tells the story of a war widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works,

starves and gambles to raise funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook but the very future of the House of Dior.

The Girl Guides Western Australia's Annual Youth and Adult Awards Ceremony will be held in November. In conjunction with NCWWA the Girl Guides Western Australia will award the Paddy Firstenberg Memorial Award to a Girl Guide for outstanding Leadership.

Applications for the 2023 NCWWA STEM Bursary are now open. An application is attached to this newsletter. If you know someone who is studying STEM subjects encourage them to submit an application.

The next NCWWA Meeting will be the NCWWA AGM - a date will be determined at the next NCWWA Executive meeting- after two terms and six years I am standing down as President. In my view we have achieved much however made more difficult by COVID-19 and having to vacate 160 Hay Street East Perth. There is still much to be done especially around good and sensible policy advocacy

'It is worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change'



Christmas Broadcast 2019 – Queen Elizabeth II - a truly remarkable woman who dedicated seventy years to service.

Robyn Nolan
President

NCWWA MEMBERSHIP FEES - now overdue

NCWWA membership fees for the 2022-2023 year are now overdue.
Payment may be made by Bank Transfer or by Cheque

Fees remain the same:

Associate Members \$55

Affiliate Members \$66

Payment by Direct Transfer:

Account name: National Council of Women of WA Inc

BSB : 066110

Account Number: 1015 7530

Please ensure you identify your name in the 'comments' field

Payment by Cheque:

National Council of Women of WA Inc

PO Box 6224 East Perth WA 6892

If your details have changed in any way please complete:

2022-2023 Associate Members Renewal Form

2022-2023 Affiliate Members Renewal Form

Both are available on the NCWWA website. Please return to – Robyn Nolan: robymn@bigpond.net.au



WA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME



Applications for the 2023 WA Women's Hall of Fame are open and close on 4 December 2022.

The WA Women's Hall of Fame was first established in 2011 in recognition of the Centenary of International Women's Day held annually on 8 March. Its purpose is to recognise and celebrate the achievements of Western Australian women past present and future each year on International Women's Day.

Do think about nominating someone who would be a worthy recipient. Nominations are now open. An application form is available on the WAWHOF website.

NCWWA MOVIE AFTERNOON

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris

Sunday 30 October 2022 at 3.30 pm for 4.00 pm
Windsor Cinema – 98 Stirling Highway Nedlands

NCWWA is holding a 'Movie Afternoon' on Sunday 30 October 2022 at 3.30 pm for 4.00 pm. The Movie 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris' by Paul Gallico. It is a new adaptation of the much-loved novel about a cleaning lady in London in the 1950s who falls in love with a dress by Christian Dior and decides to gamble everything for the sake of the folly. Starring Academy Award Nominee Lesley Manville ('Phantom Thread'), the story reminds audiences it is never too late to follow your heart.



A booking form with payment details is attached in this Newsletter

NCWWA STEM BURSARY 2023



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Bursary 2023

Applications are open for the NCWWA 2023 STEM Bursary. The Bursary is available to a female student studying a STEM course in Western Australia at TAFE or University level. Applicants must be Australian citizens.

Applications close 12 noon Friday 10 March 2023

Each applicant must complete the NCWWA STEM Bursary application form and address the criteria:

- academic excellence
- financial need
- study in a non-traditional area for women
- how studies will benefit women, families and the wider community

Please promote the NCWWA STEM Bursary to all who may be eligible to apply. An application form is attached in this Newsletter.

NCWA CONFERENCE 2022



NATIONAL COUNCIL of WOMEN AUSTRALIA Conference 2022

Thursday 10 - Saturday 12 November 2022

“Improving Safety and Economic Equality for Women”

The NCWA Conference includes the NCWA Annual General Meeting on Thursday 10 November 2022 with the Conference officially opening at 9.00 am on Friday 11 November 2022 concluding at 1.00 pm followed by an optional networking lunch.

Speakers include Dr Anne Summers AO Paul Ramsay Foundation Fellow 2021-2022.

A Reception will be held at Government House for NCWA members and guests on Thursday evening (10 November 2022) hosted by the NCWA Patron Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley

Accommodation booking details are included in the NCWA Conference Flyer.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the NCWA Conference as I have a speaker commitment in the Northern Territory at another Conference on the same date which I accepted before the NCWA date was changed from October 2022 to November 2022.

Robyn Nolan



NATIONAL COUNCIL of WOMEN WA Inc.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS BURSARY 2023

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON on Friday 10 March 2023

Nominations are called for the 2023 Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Bursary available to a female student studying a STEM course in Western Australia at TAFE or University level. Applicants must be Australian Citizens. One Bursary will be awarded.

The cash amount of:

- \$1,200.00 will be presented to the successful applicant.

And may be used to support further study:

- Course fees including summer school courses
- Study aids/text books
- Attendance at seminars and/or conferences
- Other – Please outline

Complimentary membership of NCWWA will be provided to the Bursary winner for one year.

The Bursary winner will be announced April 2023.

Applicants will be notified of the results by email after that date.

The decision of the award panel will be final.

The Bursary Recipient is required to report to NCWWA on how the bursary has assisted their study.

The National Council of Women WA is a voluntary organisation formed in 1911 to advance the cause of women and the welfare of society. In awarding this Bursary, NCWWA aims to:

- Recognise academic excellence
- Address financial need
- Encourage study in areas non-traditional for women
- Recognise the extent to which studies will benefit women, families and the wider community.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN WA Inc.
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS BURSARY
NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Student: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Nominator: _____ **Position:** _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

(Note: The Nominator may be a teacher, lecturer, family member, NGO Organisation)

Study Institution in 2022: _____

Course/Level: _____

Proposed Study Institution/Course of Study in 2023: _____

Bursary will be used to finance: *Please tick:*

Course fees Study Aids Conference/Seminar Attendance Other

Reason for nomination: *Add extra pages as needed. Nominators are required to address the selection criteria of:*

- Academic Excellence
- Financial Need
- Study in a non-traditional area for women
- How studies will benefit women, families and the wider community

Application must be accompanied by a current Curriculum Vitae.

(Supporting documentation including 2 referees and academic results, including 2022 results is also required).

Completed form and CV should be sent to:

**Bursary Panel
National Council of Women WA
P.O. Box 6224
East Perth WA 6892**

Closing date for nominations: 12 Noon on Friday 10 March 2023

For further information: Contact: Robyn Nolan

Mobile: 0417 917 294

Email: robymn@bigpond.net.au



National Council of Women of Australia Conference
Improving Safety and Economic Equality for Women
November 10-11 2022

> The session

The NCWA Triennial Conference 'Improving Safety and Security for Women' has delegates from NCW Constituent Councils from all Australian States and the ACT.

The Conference includes the NCWA Annual General Meeting on Thursday 10 November 2022 with the Conference officially opening at 9.00am on Friday 11 November concluding at 1pm followed by an optional networking lunch.

> Conference speakers

- **Chiou See Anderson**
President NCWA; Member of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Women's Economic Equality Taskforce.
- **Helen Dalley-Fisher**
Convenor - Equality Rights Alliance.
- **Professor Jennifer Burn**
Director of Anti-Slavery Australia
Faculty of Law
University of Technology Sydney

- **Dr Anne Summers AO**
Paul Ramsay Foundation Fellow 21-22.

> The reception

A Reception will be held at Government House for NCWA members and guests on Thursday evening hosted by the NCWA Patron Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley.

> Registration

NCWA Triennial
Conference Registration cost:

10 -11 Nov includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and cocktail reception on Day 1 and morning tea on Day 2

Member NCWA:	\$199
Conference General Admission:	\$100
Student General Admission:	\$50
Networking Lunch on Friday:	\$50



National Council of Women of Australia Conference
**Improving Safety and
Economic Equality for Women**
November 10-11 2022

> Booking

Can be made through the NCWA Humanitix link below

<https://events.humanitix.com/national-council-of-women-agm>

> Accommodation

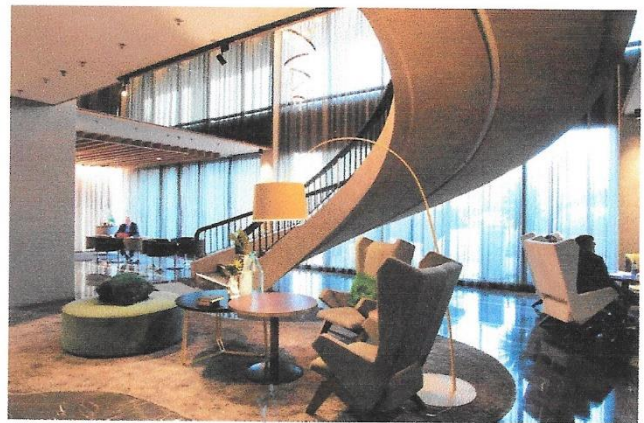
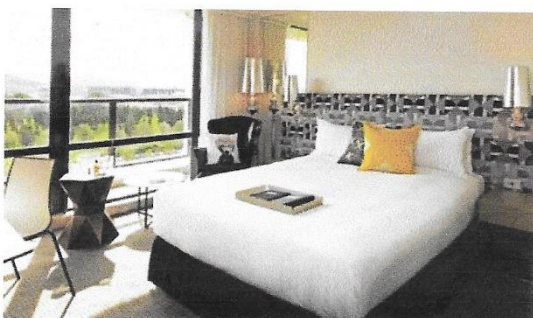
QT Canberra - 1 London Cct, Canberra ACT 2601

The cost of accommodation is \$169.00 per night for the room only.

The booking discount code is **NCWA22**

To access your special rates please visit

<https://www.qthotelsandresorts.com/canberra>



You can call or email the Reservations Team to book, quoting the block code NCWA22

Phone: **02 6867 1205**

To proceed with a reservation a valid credit card is required to guarantee all rooms, with payment due on arrival at the hotel. Cancellation on the accommodation rooms is allowed up until 24 hours prior to arrival, 2pm the day before check in.

For further information please contact:
info@ncwa.org.au

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Movie Afternoon

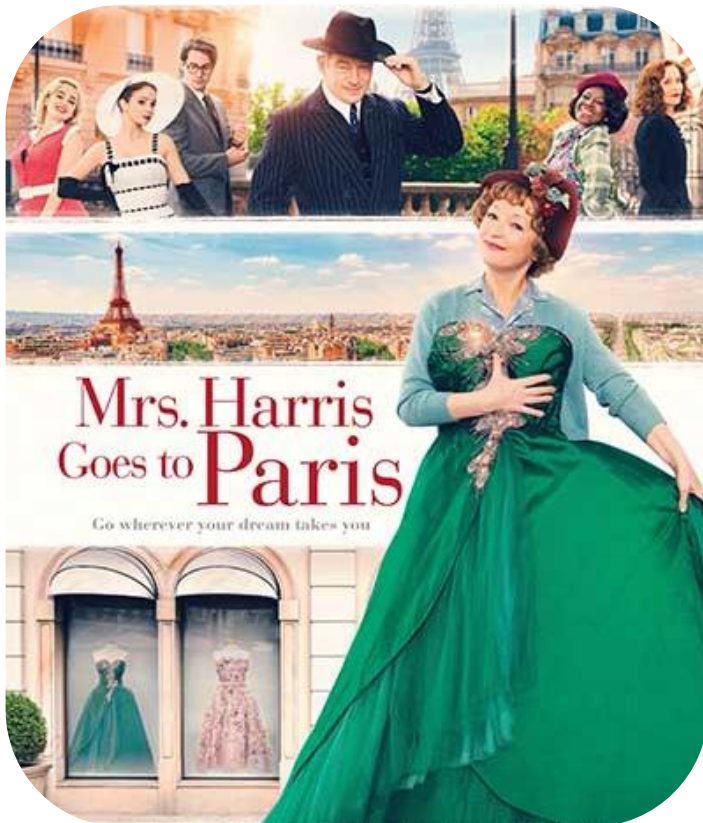
Mrs Harris Goes to Paris

Sunday 30 October

Time 3.30 pm for 4.00 pm

Windsor Cinema – 98 Stirling Highway Nedlands

\$25 per person



In partnership with the House of Dior Mrs Harris goes to Paris tells the story of a war-widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one on her own. After she works, starves and gambles to raise funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook but the very future of the House of Dior. Based on the novel "Mrs Arris Goes to Paris" by Paul Gallico and starring Academy Award Nominee Lesley Manville ("Phantom Thread"), the story reminds audiences it is never too late to follow your heart.

An RSVP with payment is essential by Monday 24 October 2022 to confirm attendance – numbers are limited!

BOOKING FORM

Contact: Robyn Nolan email: robymn@bigpond.net.au mob: 0417 917 294

Sally Plummer email: plummers@iinet.net.au mob: 0411 868 995

YES I will be attending the NCWWA Movie Afternoon on Sunday 30 October 2022

Please indicate the names of your guests

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____ (\$25pp) 1. _____

NAME: _____ 2. _____

ADDRESS: _____ 3. _____

EMAIL: _____ 4. _____

PHONE: _____ 5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

PAYMENT

CASH

BANK TRANSFER

BSB: 066 110 **Account number:** 1015 7530

Acc name: National Council of Women WA

Use your name as your reference

CHEQUE: payable to:

National Council of Women WA

PO Box 6224, East Perth 6892

I am unable to attend but I wish to

DONATE Amt \$ _____