

President's Message December 2023

Dear Members

Thank you to everyone who attended the National Council of Women Western Australia (NCWWA) AGM held earlier this week. It was great to catch up with some of the NCWWA members at the AGM. The Executive Committee remains the same.

As a voluntary not-for-profit membership based organisation advocating on behalf of women and their families NCWWA is on a membership drive. It is hoping to increase its number of Affiliate and Associate members.

As an advocacy organisation NCWWA has raised a number of issues at the Federal and State level during the last twelve months, has continued its NCWWA STEM Bursary Award and the Paddy Firstenberg Memorial Award in conjunction with Girl Guides Western Australia.



It also held two 'Movie Afternoons' including the movie 'Golda' starring Helen Mirren held in late November.



Jesse Walters accepting the award from NCWWA President Robyn Nolan.

Jesse Walters has finally been presented with her Paddy Firstenberg Memorial Award after being unable to attend the Girl Guides Western Australia Presentation afternoon. Jesse is now the proud mum of a two months old baby girl. I was delighted to finally meet Jesse and her family and present the award.

Western Australians are being reminded about taking care when storing and preparing food with the Festive season and warm summer temperatures upon us. The WA Health's Executive Director Environmental Health Dr Michael Lindsay says that the hot weather provides a favourable environment for bacterial contaminants in food to thrive and multiply with more than six thousand (6000) reports of gastroenteritis cases this year in Western Australia.

Dr Lindsay reminds us there are simple steps to take to prevent food poisoning including cooking foods all the way through and separating foods such as raw meat, cooked meat, eggs and fruit and vegetables to prevent cross-contamination

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in the fridge and when cooking. He also suggests perishable foods should be chilled below 5C and any perishable foods left out of the fridge for more than four hours should be thrown out.

Dr Lindsay has also warned that Ross River virus continues to be detected in mosquitoes collected along the coastal region between Busselton to Bunbury.

Increased mosquito activity is also expected in northern regions of Western Australia over the coming months with the onset of the wet season. He suggests that insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus should be used to prevent mosquito bites. Insect repellent containing Picaridin should be applied more regularly however.

The Australian Government has endorsed Natasha Stott Despoja AO for re-election to the United Nations (UN) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Natasha was first elected to CEDAW in 2021 and is the first Australian to serve on the Committee in almost thirty years. CEDAW is a body of 23 women that monitors the progress of UN member states' efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women. Natasha's term currently ends 31 December 2024 and as a Committee member serves in her personal capacity.

In late November, the Australian Government announced the implementation of a new statistical dashboard, which will provide more timely reporting on intimate partner homicide. Currently, official reporting on intimate partner

homicide is sourced from the Australian Institute of Criminology's National Homicide Monitoring Program (NHMP) and is updated annually. The NHMP is Australia's only national data collection on homicide incidents, victims and offenders. It is hoped that the new dashboard, with quarterly updates initially will enable police, governments, policy makers and all those who are working to end violence against women and children to better understand what is happening and when. The dashboard will be released by mid-2024 and will be managed by the AIC.

Congratulations to Marianne Langsford who was named as the recipient of the President's Award 2023. The Honour Board will be updated and presented to Marianne early in the New Year.

Laurel Pearce was awarded NCWWA Life Membership at the 2023 AGM. Laurel is a very worthy Life member, joining NCWWA in 2001. Laurel was a member of the NCWWA Executive for many years including serving as Vice-President and Standing Committee Chairman. Congratulations Laurel!

As we lead up to Christmas may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a restful holiday break. For many it is an opportunity to catch up with family and friends. A reminder that the annual festival began when the Church of Rome began celebrating Christmas in the 4th Century during the reign of Constantine, the first Christian Emperor. Merry Christmas!

Robyn Nolan



WA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

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.

The number of nominations continues to increase each year. The WA Women's Hall of Fame (WAWHOF) Awards recognises the achievements and contribution of Women in Western Australia, in eight categories.

Arts

Business

Community

Culture

Education

Health

Sport

STEM

The Call for Nominations 2024 has now closed.



LIFE MEMBERS

NCWWA recently appointed Laurel Pearce as a Life Member of NCWWA .

Laurel Pearce

As a Salvation Army officer Laurel held appointments in three states over 39 years until her retirement in 2000. These appointments included church ministry, training of Salvation Army Officers and in a range of other fields. Many of these appointments were in management roles.

Laurel has BA degrees in Arts and Social Work from the University of Melbourne.

Laurel joined NCWWA in 2001 as the Salvation Army delegate. She has also been an associate member and the Australian Church Women delegate. Laurel was on the NCWWA Executive for many years including as Vice President and Chairman of Standing Committees.

In 2000 Laurel joined Australian Church Women. She has served as Unit President and Unit Secretary and National President. Laurel has also represented ACW on the Council of Churches WA and is currently honorary chaplain of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association.

List of NCWWA Life Members:

- Dr Dawn Butterworth AO
 - Professor Lesley Cala
 - Merrill Cole
 - Janet Davidson JP
 - Bridget Faye
 - Major Laurel Pearce
 - Gwen Roderick
 - Joan Shenton
 - Daphne Thacker
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NCWWA MEMBERSHIP FEES

NCWWA membership fees for the 2023 – 2024 year are now due. If you would like to remain a member please pay your membership fees without delay.

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: 036-034

Account Number: 559683

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

PLEASE NOTE

[New Bank Account Details](#)

Payment by Cheque:

National Council of Women of WA Inc

PO Box 6224 East Perth WA 6892

NCWWA STEM BURSARY 2024

Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Bursary 2024

Applications are open for the NCWWA 2024 STEM Bursary. The Bursary is available to a female student studying a STEM Course in Western Australia at a TAFE or University level.

Applicants must be Australian citizens

Applications close 12 Noon Friday 8 March 2024.

Each application must be on the Nomination Form and address the following criteria:

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

An application form for the STEM Bursary is attached.



NATIONAL COUNCIL of WOMEN WA Inc.
**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING &
MATHEMATICS BURSARY 2024**

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON on Friday 8 March 20 24

Nominations are called for the 2024 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 2024 .

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 2024

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 2023: _____

Course/Level: _____

Proposed Study Institution/Course of Study in 2024: _____

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 2023 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 8 March 2024

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