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NCWA PRESIDENT REPORT- Barbara Baikie

This will be my final report for the newsletter as President. At the AGM I will be handing over to Robyn Nolan as NCWA President. It has been a great privilege and honour to be President of the NCWA for the last three years and to build on the work that our sisters had undertaken in the past.

The three years have flown and while we have achieved some things there is still much to do.

While I will give a more wholesome report at the AGM, I will take the opportunity to say a couple of things - a few thank yous. While I am deeply appreciative of all the work done by the board in their own councils as well as being on the board, I want to mention a few special ones. Firstly, to Julie Morris as Past President has been invaluable support to me over the three years as there was much I had to learn – thank you Julie. Thank you also to Yvonne for her incredible ongoing support, sense of humour and infectious laughter – thank you Yvonne. Thank you also to Robyn Nolan who has been incredibly supportive since her election as President NCW WA and NCWA President elect. My thanks also to the rest of the executive who have supported me along the way. But now down to business.....

Activities

35th ICW General Assembly.

This was an amazing experience and have written a separate detailed report I will give an overview. On the first two days over 1200 women attended – this was due to Kowani which is the National council of Indonesia - 1000 Indonesian women's organisations took part. A special tent had to be erected in the carpark to fit everyone in. On Day 2 the Indonesian President Joko Widodo, attended.



Australian Delegation

I led the Australian delegation as President NCWA. There were three other NCWA Past Presidents, Julie Morris, Margaret Findlater-Smith, and Leonie Christopherson in attendance. Sheila Byards, Wendy Rainbird, Jennifer Anne Davies, May Hu, Maureen Oborn, Benjie Perryman and Deborah Towns completed the delegation and Nicole Penman was an observer. So, it was a very strong delegation.



Elisabeth Newman and Hean Bee Wee (also NCWA Past President) were also there but not part of the Delegation as they were ICW vice presidents.

There was a celebration for 130 years of ICW with a very large birthday cake to celebrate.

There were panel sessions held. Election of office bearers were conducted. Dr Jung Sook Kim was elected as President. Elisabeth Newman and Hean Bee Wee had completed their terms as Vice Presidents, four members seeking re-election. There seven nominations for five Vice Presidents positions. They all presented their credentials and voting was conducted. The sitting board members were re-elected, Linda Liu, (Taiwan), Doris Bingley (Malta), Jamal Ghibril (Lebanon), Fatma Fatos Imal (Turkey). Another candidate Pusha Hedge was later elected as a board member. Nebiye Isin Atalya (Turkey) was also elected to the board and will remain as recording secretary.

Reports were given from Standing Committee Coordinators and advisors. Elisabeth Newman as part of her role of Vice President had been responsible for the standing committees. She presented her report. Wendy Rainbird presented her report and was well received, as was Leonie Christopherson report for Arts and letters.

The Asia Pacific Regional Council as held a meeting. Maureen Oburn stood down as secretary and Hean Bee Wee was elected as the new President. The new coordinators and Advisers were also duly elected, as you can see Australia is contributing well on the International space. Congratulations to Vivi, Wendy, Leonie and Jennifer.

ICW Resolutions

There were 7 Resolutions that were all passed, including the availability for Safe Water that was proposed by Wendy Rainbird in her position of Environment Adviser and seconded by NCWA.

1. Alerting Young People to the Dangers of the Internet
2. Addressing Abuse on the Elderly for a Better Quality of Life
3. Sub-Saharan Women Migrants in a Precarious Situation: This was amended and extend to cover all Women Migrants in a Precarious Situation
4. Mental Health Support Following a Natural Disaster
5. Access to Environmental Information and Education
6. Availability of Safe Water
7. Combatting and Eliminating All Forms of Sexual Harassment

List of ICW Coordinators and Advisers

Role	Name	Country
Status of Women Coordinator	Chularat Israngkool Na Ayrettgaya	Thailand
Human rights adviser	Claudie Bougon-Guibert	France
Implementation of conventions adviser	Vivi Germanos-Koutsoundasis	Australia
International Relations and Peace adviser	Mazal Renford	Israel
Sustainable development coordinator	Hadirani Ulti T.L> Silalahi	Indonesia
Economics adviser	Ayfer Yilmaz	Turkey
Women and Employment adviser	Mae Chu Chang	Taiwan
Rural and Urban Women adviser	Saida Zniber	Morocco
Nutritional Adviser	Rakhi Shetty	India
Environmental adviser	Wendy Rainbird	Australia
Health adviser	Lyudmyla Porokhnyak	Ukraine
Communications Coordinator	Leonie Christopherson	Australia
Educational adviser		
Mass Media adviser	Annamaria Caslelfranchi	Italy
Arts and letters adviser	Jennifer Ann Davies	Australia
Music adviser	Eleanore Hauer- Rona	
Social issues coordinator	Gloria Larabe Shoda	Nigeria
Child and Family adviser	Shelia M. Dey Pepper	Canada
Ageing adviser	Margaret Jip Kuo	Taiwan

Conference

A conference takes an enormous amount of work to make it happen. It will be a wonderful event again that will be both collaborative and informative. Thank you to the conference subcommittee – Mellissa Keatley, Robyn Nolan, Yvonne Robson, Margaret Findlater Smith, Angela Diamond for all the hard work.

Website

Work is progressing and hopefully it will be ready very soon.

Thanks again to everyone for their hard work across Australia. It is obvious from the reports and newsletters that there is a lot of wonderful work going on.

My thanks as always go to the executive Yvonne, Angela, Margaret, Angela and Julie, as well as the rest of the board for your support

I wish Robyn and her executive all the very best over the next three years.

Warm Regards Barbara

NCWV PRESIDENT REPORT- Elisabeth Newman

We had a successful a.g.m. on 6th September. The proposed new Constitution was passed I was re-elected as president, Janet Park and Freda Kaufman as Vice Presidents. Pam Hammond as Secretary, Hean Bee Wee as Treasurer and May Hu continues as Co-ordinator of Standing Committees.

This year's annual event, My Vote: My Voice, held 31st August, was the best so far. The school students' speeches based on the theme *My Vote My Voice: Diversity in Community Organisations* were excellent

Since returning from the ICW-CIF Conference I have been busy competing some ICW-CIF business i and have also been catching up with NCWV & A work. A pleasant afternoon was had at the Moon Festival Celebrations held by one of our affiliated Chinese organisations.

While away I learnt of the death of Sylvia Gelman, a highly respected member of NCJWV as well as of NCWV. She was an Hon. Life member and a past President. Morna Sturrock, another well respected member of NCWV, died earlier this month.

The ICW-CIF General Assembly was enjoyable and successful. KOWANI had also organised an interesting social programme for all delegates. My 9 year term on the Board has come to an end as has Hean Bee Wee's. The President, however, has asked if I will give assistance to the new Board. Hean Bee was elected President of the APRC with Christine Knock from NZ as Secretary and a Treasurer from Taiwan. The three are committed to seeing that the APRC supports the Councils of the region and their members.

Elisabeth Newman
President

NCWQ PRESIDENT REPORT- Amy Henderson

113th AGM on Monday 20 August

It was Wonderful to have over 30 women join us for the evening and representation from many affiliated organisations.

Guest Speaker was from Philippa Vella, President of the Student Executive from The Women's College UQ



The NCWQ 2018-2019 Management Members elected are pictured from left to right: Irene Cayas OAM (Administration), Kathy Cavanagh (Bursary Program), Erin Cunningham (Vice President), Amy Henderson (President), Noela O'Donnell AM (Recording Secretary), Pat Pepper (State Adviser Co-ordinator), Paula Ivanovic (Treasurer). Missing from photo: Avril Kent (Secretary)

There have been a range of activities in Queensland

Girls Rising Fundraising Event on Friday 17 August

This charity event raised funds for 'Girl Rising' who work alongside NGOs to deliver programs, and create new films, to educate third world communities to empower girls in refugee situations. The campaign aims to strive for gender equality, educating girls on their rights.

Pictured left to right: Dr Julie-Anne Carrol (QUT School of Public Health and Social Work & Guest Speaker), Amy Henderson (Acting President NCWQ), Emma Herbert (Women's Property Panel & MC) and Renee Simpson (Youth Support Coordinator Sunnybank SHS and Organiser)



Inaugural NCYWQ Meeting



Erin Cunningham's commitment and enthusiasm is to be very much applauded. Fascinating discussion re the recent landslides and flooding in Kodagu India and other issues that the NCYWQ are interested in.

Pictured: Supre Ponnappa, Sonya Vasilika, Erin Cunningham and Amy Henderson on Saturday 25 August at the Seven South Café, Yeronga.

Celebrating Women in Parliament

On Monday 3 September 2018 The Australasian Study of Parliament Group meeting theme was Celebrating Women in Parliament. The concept was that two current members of Parliament would be contrasted against a former member of Parliament in terms of how being a woman in politics has changed over the years.

Pictured: Amy Henderson with Joan Pease MP



The three speakers were;

- Joan Pease MP (ALP Member for Lytton & Senior Government Whip – elected in 2015)
- Jann Stuckey MP (LNP Member for Currumbin – elected in 2008)
- Beryce Ann Nelson (LNP Member for Aspley 1980 – 1989)

They gave a frank insight into being a woman in Parliament including the following points

- the 'robust'/bullying of politics
- how hard they all work but are considered less than car salesmen
- how the media portrays politics as not a field for women and the negatives of politics
- double standards of parenting – a question never asked of men but of women

The whole session was being recorded for Hansard and I asked the first question of the evening which was along the lines of how do community organisations such as NCWQ stay relevant in today's society. I also mentioned that the NCYWQ was commencing.

The answers they gave included the following points;

- use technology to make it easier for the next generation to join and spread the word
- keep it relevant
- make it fun
- succession planning is key

Bursary Fashion Parade and Fundraiser

On Tuesday 4 September 2018 the very dedicated and generous Noela O'Donnell AM organised her 13th successful event for the NCWQ to raise money for the Bursary Program.

As the first one I have attended I was so impressed with the level of attendance (208) the professionalism, fashion, articulation of the wonderful singer, and the very interesting Guest Speakers.

The message about nominating women for an Order of Australia was fantastic and practical and the amazing work Madison has done is inspiring and at such a young age.

Other events attended: Noela O'Donnell AM and I attended the QWHA Fashion Parade on Saturday 18 August. I also attended the Premier's Women on Boards Event on Wednesday 29 August

NCWWA Report President Robyn Nolan



The last couple of months have been a busy time for NCWWA. The NCWWA Paddy Firstenberg Memorial Award has been finalised and a young Aboriginal woman, Caris Collard, from Geraldton is the worthy recipient. Each year after nominations have been received a small panel meets to select the recipient.

The Paddy Firstenberg Memorial is a NCWWA Award (honours the memory of Paddy Firstenberg MBE OAM (1920-2015) who constantly sought to empower women. The Award is awarded annually to a woman in industry, business or community service who has demonstrated leadership, exemplary achievement and outstanding contribution to the advancement of women. This year the applications all came from women with outstanding community service contributions.

Plans are underway for the NCWWAAGM which will be held at the end of October. An NCWWA AGM Report is currently being prepared which will include a report from NCWWA advisers. Adviser reports remain an area of concern. While I understand we are all volunteers the emphasis seems to have been placed on quantity rather than quality, with a quarterly report reproducing an article from the Newspaper rather than researching the important relevant issues.

NCWWA recently held a "Movie Afternoon" which was a most enjoyable and financially successful afternoon. My thanks to Sally Plummer and Merrill Cole who assisted me in ensuring the success of the event.

The NCWWA 2018 STEM Bursary winner and runner-up will be attending the NCWA Triennial Conference with sponsorship from Curtin University and NCWWA. My special thanks to the ViceChancellor Professor Deborah Terry AO and Curtin University for the support provided for Laura Harris and Dana McMullen to attend the Conference.

NCWWA now has a new Logo (similar in style to the NCWA Logo). Plans are also in place to produce a new NCWWA Brochure before the end of the year.

A NCWWA General Meeting was held in August with Michelle Mackenzie CEO Shelter WA as the guest speaker. Michelle spoke about the role of Shelter WA and also the work being undertaken by National Shelter to put together a National Housing Strategy.

With the NCWWA AGM being held in October, the next general meeting will be held in November and the annual NCWWA Christmas Lunch will also be held in late November. The NCWWA "Giving Tree" will again be collecting Christmas gifts for women to be provided to a Women's Refuge.

NCWSA Report President Margaret Flint

The NCWSA's office telephone had malfunctioned for over 3 months with the office unable to receive incoming calls. Trouble started when the NBN was connected. Following a report to the Telecommunications Industry Telstra reconnected the line.

NCWSA Seminar Series 2018 concluded on Saturday 22 September with *GREAT WOMEN OF SA: Not All heroes Wear Capes*. This seminar was very successful and appreciated by those attending. The programme was organised splendidly by State Coordinator, Nina Sivertsen, and NCWSA Advisers.

NCWSA delegates attending the NCWA Triennial Conference in the ACT in October are Di Lockwood, Hean Bee Wee AM, Maureen Oborn, Sandra Richards and Margaret Flint OAM.

A SA Parliament Joint Committee on the 125th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage for 2019 recently invited suggestions on how this may be celebrated.

NCWSA submitted its planned events:

- In celebration of 125years of Women's Suffrage, National Council of Women South Australia Inc. will invite applications late 2018 for the LADY HACKETT-MOULDEN Award.

The LADY HACKETT-MOULDEN AWARD was announced Saturday 4 November 2017 at *HERSTORY: Celebrating Centuries of Women's Achievements* convened by The Lady Mayoress of Adelaide, Genevieve Theseira-Haese, at Adelaide Town Hall, SA. The Award will be open to Women aged between 18 and 35 years, who are interested in participating in the activities of the NATIONAL COUNCIL of WOMEN (SA).

- A Saturday morning event at NCW House during the State History Festival in May 2019 is proposed by the NCWSA History Sub Committee, with guest speakers focusing on "what does voting mean to you now". This is to be confirmed.
- Suggestion for a state-wide project:

Encouragement of debates in local government council areas and/or schools on topics e.g. related/relevant to 125 years of Women's Suffrage in South Australia

Council Meetings:

9 August: Social Justice Leaders from Mary MacKillop College and visit from Barbara Baikie, NCWA President. NCWSA's link with Mary MacKillop College continues. Members appreciated meeting and hearing from NCWA President, Barbara Baikie. Some Executive Members and Advisers met with Barbara prior to the meeting.

Thursday 13 September: Vice President & Media Adviser, Fiona Khor led the discussion on resolutions for the NCWA Triennial Conference in October. This was assisted through a PowerPoint presentation.

11 October: NCWSA Council Meeting. The speaker will be *Uniting Communities with Mark Byrne presenting on their 'perpetrator programme' and the broader SFVS program.*

Events attended:

Thursday 9 August: Office for Women: workshop with Kane Sloane, Director Women's Empowerment; Program – Asia Foundation, on UN Sustainable Development Goals. Ground Floor, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide. (B. Khor)

Thursday 9 August: NCWSA Council Meeting. Social Justice Leaders | Mary MacKillop College; Visit from NCWA President, Barbara Baikie.

Thursday 16 August: Celebrating 40 years of WIS. 5pm-7pm, Adelaide Town Hall, Banqueting Room (M Flint)

Tuesday 11 September: HERSTORY: For love and Duty. Adelaide Town Hall Foyer. (M Flint)

Wednesday, 19th September 2 pm: NCW War Memorial Fund AGM @ NCW House.

Saturday 22 September: NCWSA Seminar Series 2018: GREAT WOMEN OF SA: Not All heroes Wear Capes. 9.00am-12.30pm, NCW SA House, 95 South Terrace, Adelaide

I wish all Board Members a happy and peaceful festive season later in the year and thank Barbara Baikie and Yvonne Robson with the Board Executive for their commitment to NCWA through the past three years. My term concludes at NCWSA's AGM in November.

