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DETAILS OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF NCW NSW AND NCWA

Re NCW

- 1990-1991 Executive Committee of NCW NSW as Delegate for Girl Guides Association of NSW
- 1992-1995 President of NCW NSW
- Updated image with revised brochures, application forms and form of regular News. Set meeting procedures. Introduced use of fax and computer.
 - Acquired a temporary office space and established a PO Box for mail. After a year, a permanent office was obtained 'rent free' for 18 months. Organised equipment—table, chairs, typewriter, fax and printer.
 - Increased membership by raising level of awareness in the community
 - Set a focus "Men and Women Against Violence" and held Seminars at regular intervals to explore aspects of the focus. Two were "Supporting Schools' Initiatives" and "Gender Equity in Schools---Broadening the Options", both of which were later supported by the Director General of Education, the NSW Government and The Law Foundation. Teachers and students participated.
 - Set up Centenary Planning Workshop – established NCW week holding stalls in Parramatta, City, Chatswood and Sutherland from 21-26 August; promoted centenary by arranging that the portrait of Margaret Windeyer, the founder of NCW NSW, to be on a stamp in 1996.
 - In association with UNWomen and BPW, organised four Seminar Workshops "Preparing for the Journey to Beijing 1995" which trained hundreds of women in anticipation of their attendance at the conference.
 - Organised the production of "Women and AIDS" packets.
 - Lobbied for better representation of Women in Federal Parliament and NSW government for female representation on committees during 2000 Olympics.
 - NCW NSW a member of Lord Mayor's Bushfire, Flood and Drought Relief Fund, giving clerical assistance.
 - Made large number of submissions on the issues of the day, including an Inquiry into Aspects of Youth Homelessness for the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Community Issues.
 - Established the Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon for nonagenarians
 - Established the *Celebrate Being An Australian* Luncheon with sponsorship for students in postgraduate study.
 - Encouraged attendance at NCWA Conferences and ICW (A delegate and three others from NSW attended the Triennial in Paris in 1994.)
 - Accepted invitation to host in Centenary Year, 1996, the mid-Term Conference and a meeting of ICW Asia Pacific Region members.
 - Attended meeting of State Presidents in Perth to discuss future role of NCWA in relation to a request from the Minister for Women's Affairs, Dr Carmen Lawrence, to CAPOW! To prepare a document on the setting up of one peak women's organisation to advise government.
 - Represented NCWA at meeting for the 4th World Conference for Women to be held in Beijing in 1995. One of the speakers was UN Secretary-General, Ms Gertrude Mangella.
- 1996-1997 Promotion and celebration of Centenary of NCW NSW
- 2002-2008 Executive Member as Delegate for Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association
- 2004-2006 NSW Adviser International Relations & Peace
- 2009-2012 Executive Member as Delegate for Girl Guides NSW/ACT
- 2011 Organised Workshop to advise and give guidance on how to nominate people for awards within the Order of Australia. Arranged speakers, etc. Held in Theatre of Parliament House.

Re NCWA

1997-2003 **National Adviser Human Rights**
As well as the usual functions as National Adviser, the following matters were given strong attention.

Started a “Keeping in Touch” news letter with all State HR Advisers as the means of hearing and distributing each state’s contributions.

1998 Represented NCWA in the Public Consultation on the Optional Protocol to CEDAW being prepared by the Australian Government for presentation to CSW, UN New York.

1999 Submitted recommendations to Office of the Status of Women on CEDAW and Beijing Platform for Action.

2001 Facilitator on “Human Rights are Women’s Rights” at Women’s Workshops Inaugural National Women’s Conference ACT.
Received NCWA Award for “Work for the Betterment of Women”

2002 Wrote 10 Year Review of Progress made in Australia “Violence Against Women – Its causes and consequences” for the UN Special Rapporteur (SRVAW) for reporting to the 59th Session on the UN Commission on Human Rights.

2003 –2006 Board Member of NCWA
National Coordinator Standing Committees with responsibilities for Blue Book
Updated “Yellow Book” Handbook for National Co-ordinators, State and Territory Co-ordinators.

2006 – 2012` National Adviser for Music

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