

- It is a national problem and cost to Australia of \$100billion per year
- With investment in social housing the lasting benefit and capital return on these houses can be expected to last at least 40 years. The return in time would break even.
- Government members are concerned about the electoral knock-on effect and impact on the housing industry.
- Australia has 4% social housing, UK 25% and Germany, Netherlands and France have larger percentage whereas in Australia there is more egalitarian approach and greater opportunity for home ownership although this changed in early 2000s
- Social housing is where rents are not enough to cover housing developments and would need to be subsidized

5. Business Arising:

- a. NCWSA Name Badges

6. Correspondence

- a. **Out: Australian Honours List** - Letters **sent** to all recipients in South Australia. Thank you again to Sandra Richards and Di Lancaster
- b. **In/Out: United Nations Statement on Ukraine: Subject: UN High Level Officials urge the swift investigation of sexual violence allegations and call for strengthened measures to protect women and girls following strengthening allegations of sexual violence against women and girls.**
- c. **Out: Announcement of Council Meeting Guest Speaker - Dr Andi Nygaard - Centre for Urban Transitions, Swinburne University of Technology – Topic: ""COST OF INACTION: Social and economic losses due to the social and affordable housing shortage The urgent case for social and affordable housing investment"**
- d. **Out: NCWSA Member Survey 2022 - <https://forms.gle/kxqtXwDPRqT4xqpbA>**
REMINDER DELEGATES TO SHARE SURVEY WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR ORGANISATION

7. Governance, Operations, Reports and Administration

a. President's Report

Since the last meeting, we have farewelled our dear member, Zetta Karay OAM on Monday March 21st 2022 at the Mary Potter Hospice. Zetta has been loved and cherished by the National Council of Women SA over decades and has been a model to us all.

Zetta was President of NCWSA from 1992 - 1995 and held many roles, served the organisation in many capacities, contributed to advancing women's issues and made a difference to both members and the community. Zetta Karay celebrated her 90th birthday in 2021. Zetta was active in many roles, including as an integral member of Torrens Soroptimist for over 50 years. Zetta was also a life member of both Torrens Soroptimist and also NCWSA.

We send our condolences to Zetta's family and loved ones and to the friends who loved her dearly. We also send our condolences to our sisters at Torrens Soroptimist.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the NCWSA Adelaide International Women's Day Breakfast (IWD) Committee and Senator the Hon Penny Wong in conversation with Grace Tame. Seventeen of us enjoyed breakfast from the local café on South Terrace and were challenged and energized by lively discussion both on screen and in the room.



On the evening of March 17th, 2022, I joined the online meeting of ICW for their Parallel Event to the CSW65 (Commission for the Status of Women). Jung-sook Kim, our ICW President, hosted a panel of experts from the OECD, United Nations, World Bank to name a few. Highlighted for participants was the ongoing issues around gender equality internationally. The fact that gender pay gaps exist in every country of the world is shameful and that internationally women have far less legal rights than men brought home the need and relevance of women's organisations globally "even today".

Online also were members of the National Council of Women Ukraine. Many present at the online session passed on messages of support and hope. ICW are working with NCW Ukraine to provide support through advocacy and information through the NCW network globally.

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the National Council of Women SA Member Survey 2022. This is your chance to tell us what you want the Council to work on for the coming 12 months. Please use the link provided below or request hard copies and they can be provided to you and your organization.

Our core mission is to work towards gender equality locally, as a State and across borders with the National Council of Women Australia and through the International Council of Women. It has never been a more important time to advocate for equal recognition for women and girls in all their diversity, in legislation, in our workplaces and community groups and more, but also in our cultural "norms". In this survey, we seek to understand your priorities so that we, as a collective, may bring about changes ensuring, not just the removal of entrenched discriminations and inequality, but to bring about equal participation and inclusion in all facets of life. Survey: <https://forms.gle/kxqtXwDPRqT4xqpbA>

This survey is for: Individual members, Delegates of member organisations and also members of NCWSA Member organisations. Member organisations are encouraged to share this with your members - we'd like to hear from as many voices within our broader membership as we can!

A reminder that our May 12th 2022 meeting we will be meeting at the new offices of Red Cross Australia on Percy Street, Adelaide (behind NCW). Rachel West, Strategy and Growth Lead for South Australia, Australian Red Cross will be hosting us and introducing us to members of several of the teams.

b. Secretary's Report

Actions:

- i. Letters to New Ministers and MPs following March 2022 State Election
- ii. Letters to outgoing MPs and Ministers following March 2022 State Election

These are still to done

The International resolutions have been forwarded. A table will be drawn up where members can indicate support, questions, issues

c. Finance Report – Sue Ly, Treasurer proposed report be accepted.

Claire Hale seconded. Carried

d. State Coordinator:

- i. **NCWSA 120th Anniversary:**



1. Vice President, Jenny Hassam is chairing the events teams. Date for lunch 28th August

e. Advocacy

- i. **National Council of Women of SA Inc Advocacy Consultation - Repeal of Sex Work Offences Bill 2020 - August 2021**

1. Data to be collated and report written for members. Ongoing.

- ii. **Public and Social Housing (Bev Gum)** – Discussions with Pas Forgione (Anti-Poverty Network) on advocating for older women with intersectional needs experiencing housing insecurity and close to homelessness. Meetings have been held with a number of women in this situation. We will follow up with the relevant ministers. Margie MacDonald thanked us for our work in securing permanent housing. Article in Messenger on lack of housing particularly in country areas

- iii. Fiona reported on a parallel event held at UN with a range of speakers. Fiona will write up a brief report

- f. **History report** there will be a short memorial service on Wednesday 8th June, Adelaide Miethke's birthday at the Cheltenham Cemetery. Invite to follow

8. Next Executive Meeting: Monday April 25th 2022, 7pm

9. Next Council Meeting: 12th May 2022 (Premises of the Australian Red Cross, Percy Street, City). Although a free event we will put it on Trybooking, there will be a cash cost for the food.

10. Raffle winner Ann Garvie

11. Meeting Closed: 8.35

