

2016 NCWQ Conference and Annual General Meeting

Empower Advocate Connect for all women was the theme of the 2016 NCWQ Conference and Annual General Meeting. Conference speakers were Barbara Shaw, Executive Director of the Office for Women and Domestic Violence Reform, Department of Communities Child Safety and Disability Services in Queensland and Kathryn Cramp who currently works at the Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service dealing with domestic violence cases and family law matters.

Barbara spoke to the Qld Women's Strategy and the implementation of the recommendations of the *'Not Now, Not Ever'* report including the implementation of the specialist domestic violence court in Southport and establishment of refuges in Charters Towers and Roma, as well as other changes across Government.

Kathryn spoke of her experiences gained as an Adviser in the Senate in advising on policy issues, drafting bills and engaging in public policy, her role as 2016 President of UQ Union and 2015 Vice President of Gender and Sexuality of UQ Union. As a volunteer, Kathryn has worked as the Queensland Women's Coordinator for Out For Australia, an evening coordinator for the LGBTI Legal Service, a legal assistant with The Asylum & Refugee Law Project at the TC Beirne School of Law.

In her acceptance speech Lyn Buckley thanked retiring members Philomena Murdoch, Yvonne Matta and Avril Kent for their commitment and dedication to NCWQ. Lyn chose the gavel to signify the transfer of the position of President from outgoing President Annette to herself because it symbolises the passing on of the responsibility to continue the hard work of past presidents and members of NCWQ and to build on their achievements in advocating for women and bringing about change. Lyn thanked Annette for guidance and leadership given to NCWQ as President. Annette has been instrumental in moving NCWQ forward on new pathways to address issues that today's women face.

Lyn went onto say that NCWQ's theme for the coming year is Empower Advocate Connect for all women. Under this banner NCWQ will be strident in speaking to government and the community on important issues which were outlined in NCWQ's submission to the Government's women strategy – domestic violence and women's safety, economic empowerment including disparity between pay and superannuation, indigenous women who remain vulnerable in every measure of equality and the specific strategies needed by indigenous women to deliberately enhance economic and social participation, homelessness and poverty being experienced by the increasing number of older women and improving the participation of women in leadership roles both in industry, community and government. ***Continues on page 2.***

From Lyn Buckley, NCWQ President



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2016-17 Management Committee

Lyn	Buckley	President
Caroline	Snow	Vice-President
Annette	Lourigan	Immediate Past President
Paula	Ivanovic	Treasurer
Noela	O'Donnell	Recording Secretary
Marilyn	Oulds	State Coordinator
Pat	Burgess	Committee Member
Steph	Carter	Committee Member
Kathy	Cavanagh	Committee Member
Irene	Cayas	Committee Member
Alison	Muir	Committee Member
Noela	O'Donnell	Committee Member
Georgina	Pickers	Committee Member
Margaret	Vallance	Committee Member
Marjorie	Voss OAM	Committee Member

NCWQ's strategic goals include a more streamlined management committee and the expansion of our team of advisers to include areas of vital importance; for an example in Indigenous matters and regional and rural matters.

NCWQ will be proactive in creating opportunities for the affiliates not only to network and connect with each other, but also to be proactive in bringing matters of concern to NCWQ with recommendations and how NCWQ will be able to help, through advocacy and sharing of information. NCWQ's communications goal is to have more effective communication strategies with the development of e-newsletter, continuing to improve its website as a "go to place" for information and news, as well as enabling members to communicate their needs to a wider audience. Lyn stated she looks forward to working together with the new Management Committee, Advisers and members to be a voice for women.



Top: Speakers Kathryn Cramp (left) and Barbara Shaw speaking at the 2016 NCWQ Conference with Caroline Snow as MC

Above: 2016-17 Management Committee, NCWQ

Side: NCWQ's new affiliates banner as displayed at the recent NCWQ Conference and AGM

How much should we be paying for an essential service?

In Australia, especially Queensland we depend on the state government to supply cost effective energy and drinkable water. NCWQ's long interest in Consumer Affairs matters made it especially important to participate in a government initiated group called.....to read more, [click here](#)



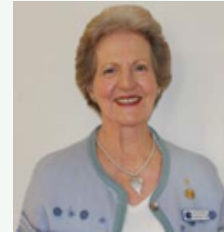
Strong and Resilient – Stories of Success from 2016 Bursary Program

Rebecca Clapperton, a past student, contacted Nanango State High School to ask if she could address the current Year 12's. Her intent was to help support and promote the school's programs on "Building Aspirations and Resilience"[to read more, [click here](#)]



Where have all the women gone?

As the proud recipient of an OAM within the Australian honours system I have noted that in Queensland there appears to be a smaller percentage of women as against men who are recipients. There are women and men who devote their lives to making a positive contribution to society[to read more, [click here](#)]



QPS Elder Abuse Forum

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is 15th June so as to raise community awareness around the world. As a representative of Older People Speak Out (OPSO), TOGETHER WITH Roz Young (another member of OPSO), I attended this forum to be informed, to contribute and to gauge what services and support is available.....[to read more, [click here](#)]



Upcoming Events

The **annual bursaries fund-raising Morning Tea and Fashion Parade** will take place on Wednesday 12 October at Tattersall's Club, Queen Street, Brisbane. A delicious morning tea will be served; a fashion parade will feature clothing from Soubrét Pink boutique; Kit 'n Kaboodle, an a capella quartet from Brisbane City Sounds will entertain us; Lisa Daly a 2016 bursary recipient will share her story with us and there will be raffles and lucky door prizes, acknowledging Queensland women in the arts.

The cost is \$46.00 per person. More details and the response form are on the NCWQ website <http://www.ncwq.org.au/events>. This function supports bursaries awarded to Queensland women to assist with their educational expenses. Why not organise a group of friends to join with you? For any enquiries, please contact Noela O'Donnell jodnod@bigpond.com H: 3846 4418 M: 0414 771 736



The **Christmas Luncheon** will take place on Thursday 8th December at the Women's College, University of Queensland, St Lucia.

NCWQ Environment Adviser's Report, July 2016

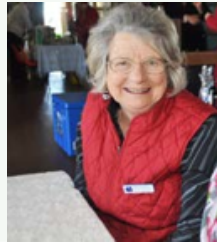
Update on Great Barrier Reef (GBR): Hundreds of comprehensive in-water surveys to assess coral mortality have been conducted Reef-wide since the beginning of March by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) with the Australian Institute of Marine Science, the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and other partners.....[to read more, [click here](#)]



Environmental Issues

A range of environmental issues were researched and reported on during the year. The threats to Great Barrier Reef and global warming remain major issues. Advocacy was undertaken on these issues.

Microplastics: At the National Council of Women Australia (NCWA) Conference on October 11th 2015.....[to read more, [click here](#)]



The Imposter Syndrome Uncovered

When delivering a talk recently I asked the audience to guess which actress said the following: "Why would anyone want to see me in a movie, and I don't know how to act anyway, so why am I doing this"? There were gasps of shock when I revealed that Meryl Streep, one of the greatest and most awarded actresses of all time, had said this.....[to read more, [click here](#)]



Economic Security for Women

We are entering the Fourth Industrial Revolution; emerging technologies and changing demographics are expected to significantly change the future landscape of work globally and in Australia. Recent research paints a picture of our future work that is far from clear. That said, it is incumbent upon all individuals to plan for their future prosperity, by.....[to read more, [click here](#)]

