

IWD IN THE ILLAWARRA PROGRAM

Registration; Deeann Green, Violinist

Illawarra Older Women's Network Drummers

Welcome by Dr Diann Rodgers-Healey, Director, ACLW

Acknowledgment to Country by Michelle Rush, Woolyungah Indigenous Centre, University of Wollongong

Keynote Speech by The Hon. Jenny Macklin MP

Panel Discussion - 'Gaining the Unexpected'

Panel Q & A

Morning Tea

Performance by Taliah King

IWD High School Essay Competition Finalists & Winners

Presented by Competition Judge, Dr Emma Barkus

Awarded by The Hon. Sharon Bird MP & The Hon. Jenny Macklin MP

Essay Presentations by Junior & Senior High School 1st & 2nd Place Winners

'Out of The Blue' Performance

Summation by Dr Reetu Verma

Thanks by Diann Rodgers-Healey

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The Hon. Jenny Macklin MP is the Member for Jagajaga and Shadow Minister for Families and Social Services. In 2007, Jenny was appointed the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. In September 2010 Jenny was re-appointed Minister and oversaw the implementation of Australia's first National Paid Parental Leave Scheme. In December 2011 Jenny was appointed the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Minister for Disability Reform.

The Hon. Sharon Bird MP was elected as Member for Cunningham (New South Wales) in October 2004, November 2007, August 2010 and September 2013. She was appointed Shadow Minister for Vocational Education on the 18 October 2013 and served as Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Regional Communications and Minister for Road Safety from 1 July 2013 and as Minister for Higher Education and Skills from 25 March 2013.

Melanie Jones is currently the Vice-President and Events Co-ordinator for the University of Wollongong (UOW)'s Debating Society. Growing up in Tamworth, NSW, Melanie spent much of her childhood honing her public speaking skills through speech, drama, and debating competitions. She went on to win the Tamworth Toastmasters Youth Leadership Course and has participated in a number of national and international debating tournaments.

Venerable Dr Juewei is the Director of Nan Tien Institute's Humanistic Buddhism Centre and Lecturer of the Institute's Applied Buddhist Studies program. Juewei holds a PhD in Religious Studies, a Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies, a Master of Business Administration, and a Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering. In her spare time, Juewei heads up a worldwide tour: 'Buddha's Birthday Education Project' that connects past and present, east and west.

Barbara Malcolm was born in 1934. Of Irish-Welsh descent she is married with four daughters, has seven grandchildren, several great grandchildren and a couple of great, great grandchildren. Barbara has survived cancer and has worked and worn many hats for the Older Women's Network since retiring in 1998 and presently is the Co-ordinator of the Illawarra OWN Wellness Centre and Drumming Teacher for the "Illawarra's OWN Heartbeats" drumming group.

Rochelle Morris is a Gumbaynggirr woman from the North Coast of NSW. She received a Bachelor's degree in Adult Education from the University of Technology Sydney and is currently studying Masters of Educational Leadership at the Australian Catholic University. She works at the Woolyungah Indigenous Centre, University of Wollongong as the Team Leader and Student Support Advisor.

Eugenia Pyne is a single mother of four children, originally from Liberia, West Africa. She is an employee of Aging Disability and Home Care (ADHC), a volunteer with SCARF, and is currently studying for a Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Wollongong. Eugenia is a survivor of the Liberian civil war which took the lives of her husband, daughter, brother and many other relatives after her village was set on fire by the rebels in 1994. Eugenia came to Australia in 2005.

Rebecca Schmidt is a StrokeSafe Ambassador for the Stroke Foundation Australia and is also a Board Member of the StrokeSafe Consumer Council and assists with Stroke Week and Stride4Stroke. She also advocates for Unanderra Access Group about the Unanderra Train Station. Rebecca now works as an Administration Assistant at the Innovation Campus of UOW with the Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC) while continuing with her volunteer roles.

Elinor Stephenson is the School Captain at Smith's Hill High School in Wollongong. A keen debater, both in debating competitions and on issues of social equity more broadly, Elinor has a love/hate relationship with Twitter and compulsively checks the Guardian. She likes to swim, hike, and paint.

IWD ESSAY COMPETITION JUDGES

Kimberley Abbott - 2014 NSW Young Woman of the Year. She is an Engineer at Thales and Founder of social enterprise, Roka to assist women in rural India through economic empowerment and education.

Dr Emma Barkus - is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Psychology and Deputy Chair of the Social Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Wollongong (UOW). She has research interests in the factors which increase or protect against risk for Schizophrenia.

Angela Crandell - is Assistant Principal in Saints Peter & Paul Primary School, Kiama. She has been Middle Leader & Acting Principal & is committed to Indigenous Education & curricular initiatives in English & Maths

Sharne Sjostedt - is an experienced High School teacher who retired in 2014 after 42 years of teaching. She was involved in a range of Drama and Welfare initiatives at a regional and state level and has been a HSC senior Marker & a Part-time Lecturer at UOW in Teaching Methods and a Student Advisor for Girls.

Shiva Behdarvand - Essay Competition Co-ordinator administering the Competition. She is currently in her final year studying a Master of International Business at the University of Wollongong.

IWD PERFORMERS

Illawarra Older Women's Network (OWN) Drumming Group, Heartbeats led by Barbara Malcolm. Joining her are Drummers Sheila Hall, Lily Gulati, Mary Johnson, Fran Thompson, Carol Mccord, Jo Brindley, Nali Kitulagodage and Raji George

'Out Of The Blue' is a unique group of women singers and performers. Formed in 2001, the group has grown from 22 to 35 members and has won local and national medals for its special brand of entertainment and musical styles including gospel, blues, traditional melodies and swing.

Taliah King attends Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts. An international star, Taliah sang in language at the International Indigenous Solidarity symposium and presented at the Youth Leadership Symposium at The State University of New York at Albany, USA. She taught Dharawal Language and traditional and modern music themes to 120 students over a 5 hour period in 2013 when she was in Year 8. Taliah has received a regional award in November 2016 to recognise the culture, leadership and courage she shows with school life and in the community.

Deeann Green is a violinist and teaches violin, piano and theory. She studies a Bachelor of Science (Neuroscience) and a Bachelor of Arts (Music) at the University of New England.

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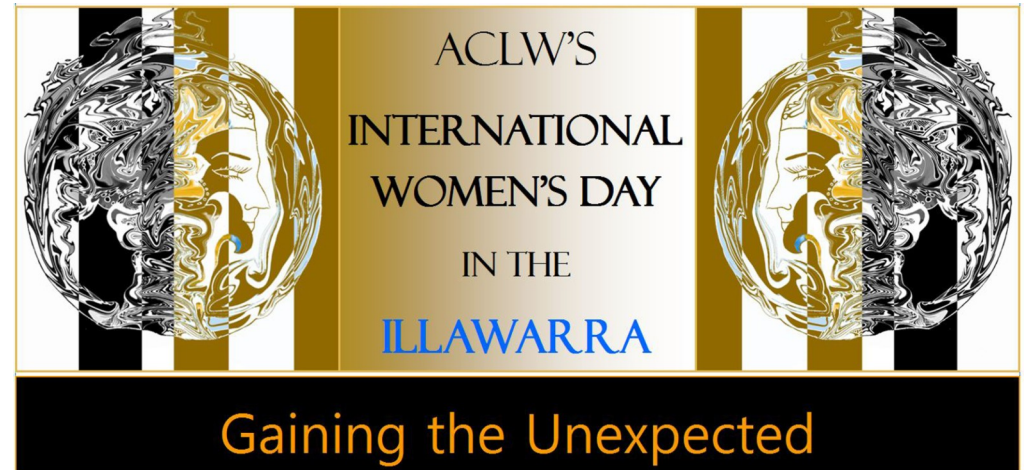
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