

Premier's Council for Women

Achievements

The many achievements of the Council have included:

A recommendation that 50% of all State Government board and committee members be women by the year 2006 - adopted by the State Government in South Australia's Strategic Plan;

An online directory 'The Premier's Women's Directory' of women with skills suitable for appointment to boards and committees.
www.premierswomensdirectory.sa.gov.au;

Active input into the State Strategic Plan, Generational Health Review, Child Protection Review, Economic Development Board and the Federal Inquiry into Balancing Work and Family;

Consultative forums for women in Adelaide, the Riverland, and Whyalla to inform strategies to deal with the causes of inequality for women and to shape women's policy, particularly in the areas of income, housing, health and employment;

Commissioned research on women and casual work in SA and a report on an online gender data resource;

Advice to senior levels of Government on strategies to achieve gender equality in South Australia;

Working closely with the Office for Women and with the consultancy process for the Women's Futures Report;

An extensive list of activities undertaken by the Premier's Council for Women is available for download from the Premier's Council for Women section on the Office for Women website:

www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au

Focus groups for young women held in Adelaide, Elizabeth and Hallett Cove to listen to their concerns and aspirations for the future and meetings with key women in science and engineering, health, women's safety, welfare and sport;

The publication of the *Statistical Profile - Women in South Australia* - a snapshot of women in areas including work, health & safety, leadership, decision making, education and justice to help track the progress towards equality for women in SA. Available online at:
www.officeforwomen.sa.gov.au;

Roundtable with other national Women's Advisory bodies and the Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Pru Goward to discuss common issues and the impact of the federal budget on women;

Participation by Council Members at a variety of launches, seminars, and events organised by government, non-government and women's groups and organisations.

If you would like a member of the Premier's Council for Women to address your group or organisation, please contact the Council's Secretariat on:

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Mike Rann
Premier



Stephanie Key
Minister for the Status of Women

The Premier's Council for Women, comprising talented women of different cultural backgrounds, ages and skills, was established in December 2002 to provide leadership and advice to ensure that the interests and needs of women are at the forefront of government policies and strategies.

Since then the Council has provided thoughtful and discerning advice on a range of important issues including health, child protection, work, anti-discrimination legislation and the representation of women on Government boards and committees. The Council has hosted successful consultative forums with South Australian women in Adelaide, Whyalla and the Riverland focussing on issues of work and poverty, and plans to continue to consult widely and work with women's organisations and services. The Council has produced *Statistical Profile - Women in South Australia*, a readily accessible and easy to analyse statistical snapshot of women, an invaluable resource for educators, researchers, women's groups and interested members of the community.

We are pleased to introduce you to the outstanding women who currently make up the Premier's Council for Women in South Australia.

Hon Mike Rann MP
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Hon Stephanie Key MP
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Council Members



Chair

Suzanne Roux, University tutor and teacher, Suzanne is also a former gallery director and consultant to the arts sector. She is currently undertaking a PhD in the history and philosophy of evolutionary biology and is tutoring in undergraduate philosophy subjects.



Deputy Chair

Pat Mickan, Pat has a strong history of involvement and excellence with a range of sports and a professional career as a sports journalist.



Diat Alferink, Cultural Director of Kurruru Indigenous Youth Performing Arts. From her mother's side she is from the Kala Lagaw Ya language group of the Western Torres Strait and from her father's side she is of Dutch Australian descent. Diat is a member of the Adelaide City Council Reconciliation Committee and a graduate of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Program.



Dascia Bennett, Business Development Manager for the Australian Retirement Fund Superannuation Scheme and is a qualified financial advisor. Dascia was previously a broad acre crop farmer for many years in Western Australia.



Rosa Colanero, Director of Oakstone Associates, a freelance consultancy small business undertaking a range of small projects on community capacity building and life long learning initiatives.



Judith Cross, Chief Executive, Relationships Australia. Judith has an extensive understanding of community, family and disability issues and broad experience in these sectors.



Ingrid Day, Associate Professor, Dean of Teaching, Learning and International, University of South Australia. Ingrid's main professional interests are in online education, casualisation and higher education and media and communications.



Janet Giles, The first woman Secretary of the UTLC of SA (now SA Unions). Janet has broad expertise and experience in education and women's work related issues.



Danielle Grant-Cross, Executive Officer of the Cardiovascular Research Program at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and University of Adelaide, former Captain of the Adelaide Ravens and State netball teams and former small business owner. Danielle has a strong interest in health, women's sport and physical activity.



Sue Lamshed, State Manager of Corporate Affairs South Australia, Telstra. Sue has a strong understanding of issues confronting women in rural and regional areas.



Kerryne Liddle, A professional journalist and editor, having worked in mainstream media in a career spanning 15 years. Kerryne is Arrente from Central Australia.



Sarah Macdonald, Manager of the Northern Women's Community Health Centre. Her previous employment includes Executive Officer of the Youth Affairs Council of South Australia, child protection worker both in the far north of SA and UK, and opinion writer for the Sunday Mail.



Susan Magarey, a leading feminist scholar with a long involvement in women's organisations and founding editor of the journal Australian Feminist Studies. She is currently Adjunct Professor in the School of History & Politics at the University of Adelaide.



Eleanor Ramsay, Adjunct Professor in the University of South Australia's Hawke Research Institute. Eleanor is recognised nationally as a leader in several areas of educational policy and research.



Nerida Saunders, currently the General Manager of Aboriginal Housing Authority. Her previous position was Executive Director of CYFS (Children Youth and Family Services) within the Department of Families and Communities. Nerida has a long involvement with social justice issues and has been a member of the Aboriginal Justice Consultative Committee.



Kim Tolotta, Director of Strategic Alliances in Workplace Services and Manager of OHS Information & Support in WorkCover. Kim has a strong commitment to injury prevention and Safe Communities. She is Public Officer and Treasurer of the Australian Safe Communities Foundation and Past President of the Asia Pacific Business Council for Women.



Eugenia Tsoulis, an Australian of Greek background, is the Executive Director of the Migrant Resource Centre of SA, with strong links to NESB migrant and refugee communities in South Australia. Eugenia has an extensive work history in health, education, industrial relations and in the arts. Her expertise is in research, policy and curricula development in all areas of social justice and cultural diversity.