

Welcome to the February edition of the Women's Health Grampians (WHG) Newsletter. We welcome your feedback, contribution and collaboration to both this publication and our developing partnerships.

## Farwell to Patty

After eight years as Chief Executive Officer of Women's Health Grampians we say farewell to Patty Kinnersly. Patty has accepted the role of Director of Practice Leadership with Our Watch; the National Foundation for the prevention of violence against women. This is a wonderful opportunity for Patty to continue the innovative work and vision she has brought to Women's Health Grampians and the women's health sector at a national level.



Patty Kinnersly with WHG Chairperson Katherine Gillespie

While we look forward to continuing to work with Patty in her new role, we will miss the energy, passion, leadership and commitment she has brought to Women's Health Grampians over the last eight years. We wish Patty all the best in her new role and look forward to 'seeing her on Lonsdale'!

## The National Gender Equality Assembly



L-R Darlene, Cassie and Simone at the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

Darlene, Cassie and Simone recently visited Sydney for The National Gender Equality Assembly on Friday 30 January. The Assembly provided WHG with insights into how the corporate sector embed gender equity initiatives into their work and enabled us to consider how we can best partner with the corporate sector across the Grampians region.

Whilst in Sydney Darlene, Cassie and Simone also took the opportunity to meet with advisers to Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick. This was a significant opportunity to learn more about the Commission's workplace focused projects 'Know the Line' and 'Male Champions of Change,' both of which focus on addressing gender inequality.

Visiting the site of the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission also provided inspiration on how organisations can visually promote their values and the impact this has on visitors...needless to say we have our thinking caps on for how we can create a similar visual display at WHG.

## Community of Practice

Do you...

- Have an interest in the prevention of violence against women?
- Have involvement in prevention of violence against women initiatives, events or projects in your community?

Then we'd love to hear from you!

WHG is surveying our partners and stakeholders to identify the level of interest in establishing a Community of Practice (CoP) for the Prevention of Violence against Women (PVAW) in the Grampians region.

A CoP is as an effective way for people to share experiences, identify common challenges, solve problems and learn ; thereby maximising opportunities to improve practice in real time.

You can provide your suggestions by completing this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BYMTHT7>  
The survey takes 3 to 5 minutes to complete and is 9 questions in length.

Responses close **Friday 13 March 2015.**



Follow us on Twitter, look for our handle: @WHGrampians retweet, comment and share, be part of getting the messages out, advocating and influencing, and engaging in discussion.



International Women's Day is celebrated around the world on March 8 to honour women's actions and achievements, and to recognise the continuing challenges in achieving equity and fairness. This year WHG is hosting events in Ararat and Horsham with our partners. There will also be a number of events taking place across the region.

## International Women's Day in Ararat

Women's Health Grampians in partnership with Grampians Pyrenees PCP presents:

**WHEN:** Wednesday 11 March 2015  
**TIME:** 6.30 pm (for 7 pm start) to 9 pm  
**WHERE:** Alexandra Oval Community and Recreation Centre, Waratah Avenue, Ararat  
**COST:** FREE - please register at <https://eventbrite.com.au/event/15445997394//> Or visit <https://eventbrite.com.au> and search: *The Talk Nelly Thomas*

**AUDIENCE:** Parents of primary and secondary school students.

**EVENT ENQUIRIES:** please contact Women's Health Grampians on email: [adminb@whg.org.au](mailto:adminb@whg.org.au) or ph. 1800 013 432  
*Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided*

**"THE TALK"**  
**Live with comedian**  
**Nelly Thomas**



## International Women's Day in Horsham

**Theme:** "Make it Happen"

*featuring local women's stories*

**Date:** Tuesday 17 March, 2015  
**Time:** 12pm-1pm  
**Venue:** Wesley Performing Arts Centre  
 Roberts Ave, Horsham  
**Cost:** \$5 Lunch included (students free)  
**RSVP:** [Kathynewton@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kathynewton@hrcc.vic.gov.au)  
**Ph:** 5381 9712 for catering. All welcome

The event is a partnership between Women's Health Grampians, Rotary Club Horsham East, Horsham Rural City Council and Wimmera Primary Care Partnership.

## International Women's Day Afternoon Tea

**PAINT IT PURPLE**

**Date:** Monday 2nd March, 2015  
**Time:** 1.30pm-3pm  
**Venue:** Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre  
 12-14 Violet Grove Wendouree  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation  
**RSVP:** before Wed 25th Feb to Ph. 5339 5069

Come along and have fun wearing purple & enjoy a multicultural afternoon tea with guest speaker Vijaya Tatineni, Multicultural Ambassador and Nyanchar from South Sudan will share her story.

## Act@Work

Preventing violence against woman and children

## Act@Work—Leading Change Luncheon

Women's Health Grampians (WHG), with partner organisations Commerce Ballarat, Leadership Ballarat and Western Region and Australian Industry Group are hosting a *Leading Change Luncheon*.

The luncheon will feature guest speakers:

- Brendon Gale, Chief Executive Officer at Richmond Football Club,
- Catherine Dixon, Director Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission,
- Nelly Thomas, comedian and health ambassador.

Together they will discuss the leadership required from all organisations to address the underlying causes of violence against women and how to create safe and equitable communities and workplaces.

Seats are limited so we encourage you to book early.

If you would like more information please contact [actatwork@whg.org.au](mailto:actatwork@whg.org.au)

**Date:** Wednesday 18 March 2015  
**Time:** 11.45am for a 12pm start until 2pm  
**Location:** Sovereign Hill, New York Bakery enter via main entrance Bradshaw Street, Ballarat  
**Cost:** \$35.00 per person  
**RSVP:** 11 March 2015 to Alana phone 5332 1247 or email [admin@lbwr.com.au](mailto:admin@lbwr.com.au)

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