

# International Women's Day Wimmera events: Horsham, Warracknabeal to host celebrations

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Rebecca Olsen

EVENTS in Horsham and Warracknabeal next week will celebrate women's contributions to the Wimmera.

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Tuesday marks International Women's Day, which recognises women's social, economic, cultural and political achievements.

This year's theme Pledge for Parity encourages men and women to work towards gender balance to help women and girls achieve their dreams.

Horsham's annual event on Tuesday will feature four women sharing stories about parity in their fields.

Horsham East Rotary Club, Women's Health Grampians and Horsham Rural City Council have organised the event.

The Rotary club's Pam Capstick said organisers were thrilled to secure Horsham Inspector Rebecca Olsen, indigenous film-maker and Best Start Program co-ordinator Tracey Rigney, electrician Kylie Pringle, and Horsham council's Rhonda McNeil as speakers.

"This year's theme will invite people to consider how decisive action can accelerate gender parity in our communities, workplaces, sports clubs and society," she said.

"The theme is a call-out to individuals who want to see greater equity for women both in Australia and across the world.

"The four speakers will share stories that demonstrate support shown to them as women in their professional lives and what has enabled them to achieve their work and life goals.

"They will also share times when they have had to find the courage to speak up against the challenges and difficulties faced by women in situations of bias and discrimination."

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Ms Capstick said organisers wanted to highlight women who worked in typically male-dominated industries, or women who managed a predominantly male workforce. [eNews](#) ● Business

“The speakers will share their views and experiences on whether we are moving closer to a position where equity is the norm and where women and girls get to be equal partners with men and boys in all aspects of economic, political and social life,” she said.

The event at Horsham Town Hall starts starts at noon and includes lunch.

Tickets are \$5 and Ms Capstick said people could call 5382 9712 or emailing [kathy.newton@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:kathy.newton@hrcc.vic.gov.au) to register.

Warracknabeal’s event, also on Tuesday, will include breakfast and guest speaker Casey Phelan, a Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning teacher at Warracknabeal Secondary College.

The event at Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House is free and starts at 7.30am.

Organisers have asked people to RSVP by calling 5396 1360 or emailing [info@wnhlc.com.au](mailto:info@wnhlc.com.au).



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