

## Community Grants Program



### **Metro:**

#### **Aborigines Advancement League Inc, Darebin**

*History of Victorian Aboriginal Women's Suffrage*  
\$8,800

The Aborigines Advancement League will stage a production of the history of Aboriginal women and the Australian Suffrage movement in November 2008. The production will be a rare opportunity to learn more about the struggle for equal rights within and among the Aboriginal community.

#### **Australian Local Government Women's Association Inc Victorian Branch**

*Taking Up the Challenge in 2008*  
\$8,800

The Centenary of Women's Suffrage coincides with local government elections in Victoria at the end of November 2008. *Taking up the challenge in 2008* is a program that includes a publication that marks the history of past women councillors throughout Victoria, an information kit and forums that will be run in Geelong, Benalla, Mildura and Ballarat to encourage women to stand as candidates in the 2008 local government elections. The program will be launched in the City of Yarra in recognition of Councillor Mary Rogers, the first woman councillor in Victoria, who was elected to Richmond Council in 1920.

#### **Australian Vietnamese Women's Welfare Association, City of Yarra**

*Patriarchy and Feminism, East and West, Past and Present*  
\$8,800

A series of forums will be held between March and July to explore the paths taken by women in their fight for the vote and to compare and contrast past and current gender issues between Australia and Vietnam. A publication will be produced from the findings of the three fora and launched in November 2008.

#### **City of Kingston**

*Celebrating Women*  
\$2,930

The City of Kingston is organising a Women's Forum on 15 April to bring together women to learn more about the struggle of women to win the vote and now, how women can continue to shape and participate in civic and community life. The forum will be held at the Chelsea Heights Community Centre.

#### **Dallas Neighbourhood House Association, Broadmeadows**

*Out Loud and Heard*  
\$6,958

Women from across Broadmeadows will come together to create textile banners that celebrate and recognise women's suffrage. The banners will be displayed on flagpoles in the local Olsen Place shopping centre. A performance developed by the Brunswick Women's Theatre will be staged to highlight the story of women's struggles and participation.

#### **Dandenong Ranges Music Council Inc**

*100 Years, 100 Ways to Celebrate, Reflect and Remember*  
\$8,000

Dandenong Ranges Music Council will stage 24 hours of events linking schools, community music/arts and historical societies in celebration of the results of the past, the achievements of the present and the goals of women of the future in September 2008. The program will include students from the Community Music Centre, Upwey High School and Burringa.

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### **Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria**

*Australian African Women's Leadership Project*

\$8,800

The positive story of women's suffrage in Victoria is bound to inspire and resonate with women newly arrived from Sudan and the Horn of Africa. The Australian African Women's Leadership will link the history of women's suffrage to promote participation and leadership among these African women. Two public forums in Flemington/ Kensington and Greater Dandenong will be held. A leaflet on the history of Women's Suffrage will be translated into Amharic, Arabic, Somali, Dinka and Tigrinya.

### **Gasworks Arts Park**

*The Age of Suff-Rage*

\$8,000

*The Age of Suff-RAGE* is a traveling road show of 100 ceramic figurines along with a commemorative banner that will travel to different areas of Melbourne including the CBD, Brunswick, and Northcote, as well as regional Victoria. From March 2008, *The Age of Suff-RAGE* will be placed in locations where suffragists may have gathered during their campaign for the right to vote. Artists Ursula Dutkiewicz will use historical information to make the 100 female ceramic characters, each 30 centimetres high. 59 of the characters will be faceless in recognition of the number of years it took for Indigenous women to achieve the same rights. Artist Fern Smith will develop a series of ten banners over the year.

### **Girl Guides Victoria**

*Girls Guiding the Way*

\$6,467

This statewide campaign will draw on the willpower of the suffragettes and advocacy of the first girl guides to explore injustice and equality. A resource pack, *Girls Guiding the way*' will be used throughout the year. The pack and training will highlight the links between the suffragists and their fight for equality and the Girl Guides Movement today as it advocates for girls worldwide to build a better world for the future.

### **Hume City Council**

*How Women Won the Vote and What We Did Next*

\$5,500

Hume City Council and the George Evans Museum will research, create and tour an exhibition celebrating local women's contribution to women's suffrage. The exhibition, *How women won the vote and what we did next* will tour through Broadmeadows, Sunbury and Craigieburn. It will consist of a series of panels to explain why the Centenary of Women's Suffrage should be celebrated, explore the role women played in obtaining the right to vote and celebrating Hume women who play a part in civic and community life. The exhibition will be developed in a number of different languages.

### **Islamic Women's Welfare Council of Victoria**

*Muslim Women's Conference*

\$6,500

Two Muslim Women's conferences will be organised in Melbourne and Shepparton to celebrate Muslim women, their diversity and contribution to the Muslim and Australian communities.

### **Koorie Heritage Trust Inc**

*Napu-Bapu-Dhatjip*

\$8,800

The suffrage movement and its written histories have excluded indigenous women and their contribution to Victoria. However, the oral tradition recalls a history of Indigenous women fighting for their rights including women like Marge Tucker who was behind the creation of the Aborigines Advancement League in Melbourne.

*Napu-Bapu-Dhatjip* aims to address this gap by collecting stories from indigenous women from across Victoria. These stories will form the basis of a digital story telling DVD and an exhibition that will be staged at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne in September and the Living Museum of the West in November.

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### **Marian College, West Sunshine**

*Walking Ahead Towards Reconciliation: Voting Rights of Indigenous Australian Women*

\$3,000

A local Aboriginal artist will work with female students to design and paint a large Message Stick with a songline about Aboriginal women's suffrage. The message stick will be installed at the Marian College's new year 7 and 8 building, serving as a constant reminder of the importance of Aboriginal women's right to vote and the overall suffrage movement.

### **Melton Shire Council**

*Connections Across the Century; Melton Women Their Stories Across Time*

\$8,000

*Connections across the Century* aims to celebrate the common strengths women demonstrate when facing adversity. It will bring together women who have lived in Melton for a long time, as well as newly arrived women from the Sudan and the indigenous community. The plan is to develop a DVD that tells the stories of women, whatever their cultural background, in a bid to illustrate commonality and difference between the lifestyle, struggles and achievements of women settlers. The DVD will be launched in September at a luncheon.

### **National Foundation for Australian Women**

*A Register of Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections 1924-2008*

\$8,800

The white women of Victoria were granted the right to vote in 1908 but were not permitted to stand for election until 1927. It took another nine years for a woman to be elected. Today there are 38 women in Parliament. For every successful woman, there have been several who have not been rewarded. Their stories are often very interesting but have not been told.

The National Foundation for Australian Women will produce an online, searchable and updateable register of information about all women candidates in Victorian parliamentary elections since 1924. Case studies will be selected for further research and biographical essays will be written to accompany the register. The register will be launched in November 2008.

### **Preston Girls Secondary College**

*Speaking of Suffrage - a forum for Young Women*

\$3,000

Girls in primary and secondary schools will participate in the Darebin Regional Speaking Competition. Participants will have to research their topic before presenting in a competition in April at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre. The program will dovetail into the current school curriculum. It will also provide girls with the chance to build confidence in public speaking.

### **Queen Victoria Women's Centre Trust, Melbourne**

*Celebrating 100 Years of Votes for Women at Queen Victoria Women's Centre*

\$7,700

A wide range of women's organisations from across Victoria will hold Suffrage Centenary events at the Queen Victoria Women's Centre throughout 2008.

### **Royal Historical Society of Victoria**

*Victorian Women's Suffrage and Citizenship* – a special issue of the Victorian Historical Journal

\$7,000

A special issue of the Victorian Historical Journal will be published in November 2008 to celebrate the centenary of women's suffrage in Victoria. Selected papers presented at a conference on women's suffrage and citizenship to be held at the University of Melbourne in December 2007 will be included.

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### **Union of Australian Women Victoria**

*Women's Suffrage Centenary- Celebration of the Past- Inspiration for Participation*

\$4,000

Three forums will be organised for September, October and November in the Cities of Darebin, Kingston and Moonee Valley to celebrate the victory of the women who fought and won the right to vote in 1908. The forums will be used to talk about the achievements of women in their campaigns for gender equity since then.

### **Victorian College of the Arts Gallery, Melbourne**

*Are We There Yet?*

\$8,000

*Are we there yet?* is an exhibition of specially commissioned work by eight contemporary artists that will be staged during the year at the VCA Gallery. The program also includes a publication and associated events commemorating the Centenary of Women's Suffrage in Victoria. *Are We There Yet?* will focus on social and political concerns of women in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and will be led by Vikki McInnes, Gallery Director.

### **Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition Inc, Melbourne**

*Valuing Immigrant and Refugee Women's History of Active Citizenship in Victoria*

\$8,800

The Coalition will record the stories of at least ten immigrant and refugee women who have actively been involved in Victoria's civic and political life since the 1970s. The date has been set since it was then that immigrant and refugee women really began becoming active thanks to different policies and programs. The book will be launched in October at a function at Government House to coincide with the Coalition's tenth anniversary.

### **Victorian Women's Football League**

*Marking our right to vote*

\$6,000

The Victoria Women's Football League will mark the suffrage year with a special one off suffrage round in the 2008 season, when all 20 clubs and 27 teams will wear coloured bootlaces that recognise this historical event. The project will also profile the contribution that women make to sport through their participation and involvement.

### **Victorian Women's Trust, Melbourne**

*Dangerous and Persuasive Women: Celebrating the Century of Women's Suffrage in Victoria*

\$8,000

Over 20 years, the Victorian Women's Trust has worked to improve conditions for women in Victoria. During this Centenary year, the Trust will run *Dangerous and Persuasive Women*, a series of three community forums in Melbourne in March, June and October 2008. The forums will focus on the history, past and present, of the women's movement, and highlight the value of participating in civic and community life. The forums will be recorded and available from the Trust's website for use by rural and regional women.

### **WEL- Women's Electoral Lobby – Victoria**

*'Conversations'*

\$8,000

Three different projects located at Moreland, Port Phillip and Darebin will look at women's political and social engagement through the insights of artists, composers, students and activists. The projects will be developed and presented through a collaboration between the League of Women Voters Victoria, RMIT Industrial Design students and the Women's Electoral Lobby.

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### **WIRE – Women’s Information, Melbourne**

*Girls Eye View - Meeting our Founding Mothers*

\$7,700

WIRE has had an enormous impact on the women of Victoria, both through the support it provides to its callers and visitors and to the many hundreds of women who have given their time to volunteer at WIRE. WIRE, in collaboration with Santa Maria College and Exit Films will develop a short documentary film about WIRE and the emergence of feminist organisations in Victoria. The DVD will be launched at the Queen Victoria Women’s Centre in August.

### **Women’s Circus Ltd**

*In One Hundred Years*

\$9,000

*In One Hundred Years* is a large-scale multi disciplinary work created by the Women’s Circus to celebrate the Centenary of Victorian Women’s right to vote. The work will include women from the Royal Melbourne Hospital Eating Disorders Unit and Melbourne City Mission’s Women Exiting Prison program. Two to five free shows that explore themes of women’s power, politics and public voice will be performed during November in the Queen Victoria’s Women’s Centre forecourt.

### **Women’s Health Victoria**

*Maintaining Healthy Democracy: Women’s Advocacy Skills Development*

\$5,000

Between April and October 2008, five workshops on how to influence policy, legislation and health promotion priorities will be run in Sale, Horsham, Shepparton, Colac and in the Loddon Mallee region. The project will emulate the advocacy skills used by the Suffragettes 100 years ago as a successful model for advocacy in the present day.

### **Women’s Participation in Local Government Coalition**

*Celebrating the value of the vote: Women Matter in Local Democracies*

\$8,800

Women’s Participation in Local Government Coalition will partner with ten local governments and community organisations throughout 2008 in a bid to encourage a more diverse range of women to become active in civic community life, including the 2008 local government elections. A series of events during the year will be organised.

### **Wellsprings for Women Inc, Dandenong**

*Women Taking Charge*

\$8,800

Wellsprings is a women-only centre in Dandenong used by women from 51 different cultural groups. This Centenary year provides a timely opportunity to explore the history of women’s suffrage and democracy in Australia, as well as consider the experiences of living between two cultures. Wellsprings will conduct a leadership program during the year and will publish a book of women’s stories on International Day of Peace - September 18.

## **Regional**

### **Arts Festival Committee, Mirboo North**

*Beyond The Boundary Fence*

\$8,100

Mirboo North women will work with the Mirboo North Secondary College and Historical Society and independent filmmaker to research and produce a documentary that will preserve and share the history of the region’s women with the community. The documentary will be launched at the Celebration of the Arts Festival in May 2008.

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### **Artsmildura**

*Celebrating Women of the Murray: International Women's Day Forum*

\$6,500

Mildura's history is dominated by men – the Chaffey brothers, irrigators and paddle steamers. 2008 provides the region with the chance to celebrate the women of the Murray. On International Women's Day – March 8, women from the region will come together for a forum and dinner to celebrate and showcase the political diversity, vitality and voice of Murray River women. The inaugural Pearl of the Murray award will be made. The award remembers the achievement of Captain Pearl Royal Wallace, Australia's first woman to become a riverboat captain in 1947.

### **Bacchus Marsh, Moorabool Shire**

*Country Women's Association Bacchus Marsh Branch*

\$8,000

In 1935, the Bacchus Marsh CWA created the Pioneer Women's Avenue. Today it has sadly fallen into disrepair. This Centenary of Women's Right to Vote grant will help restore the avenue, as well as honour the 274 pioneers and Indigenous women of Bacchus Marsh by constructing a rotunda and memorial stone. A booklet about the women will also be produced during the year. Volunteer tree planting days will be organised during the year.

### **Balanceworks**

*Celebratory Convoy of the Suffragette Journey*

\$8,800

Artwork created by women during the year will be worn or carried by them from Federation Square to Parliament and onto the Queen Victoria Women's Centre where an outdoor exhibition will be staged. Judy Maddigan, first women speaker of the Victorian Parliament, will launch the convoy that will include women MPs and other women. The project is being managed by artists Karen Martin, Wendy Kernan and Kathryn Robson. Helen Cottle, an artist based in the Macedon Ranges, will curate the exhibition.

### **Beechworth Arts Council**

*Votes for Women: 'They Picked Up the Patter with Amazing Fluency' (Australasian 31 Oct 1903)*

\$4,735

The four-pronged project will include developing a banner in the suffrage colours of violet, green and white for the main street in Beechworth, staging an exhibition at Burke Museum, putting on a women's dinner and producing a theatre production about the contributions of past and present Beechworth women. The project will focus on the 154 women from Beechworth and district who signed the 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition as well as the area's modern day women.

### **Borough of Queenscliffe**

*Our Local Suffragette - Henrietta Dugdale*

\$6,600

Henrietta Dugdale was a "pugnacious pioneer" of the women's movement in Victoria. She was first president of the Victorian Women's Suffrage Society, which she founded in 1884. Henrietta won a following among radicals and secularists but she clashed with conservatives. This group was actually the first women's suffrage association in Australia. A woman ahead of her times, she cut her hair short, played chess, did her own carpentry and was a vegetarian who grew most of her own food. She was able to vote several times before she died at Point Lonsdale on 17 June 1918, aged 91.

The Borough of Queenscliffe will research the life of Henrietta Dugdale, and work with Marion Melrose, a scriptwriter, as well as local theatre groups, Queenscliff Historical Museum and Neighbourhood House to develop a performance about this extraordinary woman. The performance will be staged in October 2008.

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### **Casterton and District Historical Society**

*Pioneer Women of Casterton and District*

\$4,500

The Society will put on a photographic exhibition about the pioneer women from Casterton and district. Local people will be called upon to provide photographs of their female descendants who signed the Monster Petition, as well as those who did not sign but still contributed to the suffrage movement. A booklet with the names of the women who signed the petition will be produced in time for the exhibition on 27 September 2008.

### **Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical Museum**

*Exhibiting Women's Work- A Wellspring for Suffrage*

\$8,800

The first Australian Exhibition of Women's Work in 1907 was viewed by 250,000 people who saw 16,000 exhibits by women from Australia and around the world. Mounted in the Royal Exhibition Building, it was probably one of the largest women's exhibitions ever mounted. Last year the Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical Museum mounted an exhibition in celebration of the first exhibition. This project - *A wellspring for suffrage* will involve the production of a digital film to tell how the exhibition brought about greater representation in the applied arts, paid work and national identity – a wellspring for women's suffrage.

### **Central Goldfields Shire Council**

*Social Fabric Past to Future*

\$8,000

*Social Fabric Past to Future* will involve a local historian researching the stories of local women, beginning with those who signed the 1891 Monster Petition and their descendants. A history of the Maryborough Knitting Mills will be included. Women from around the region will be brought in to tell their stories and produce articles of clothing, such as t-shirts, that will form the basis of an art exhibition at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery in August 2008.

### **Cloverdale Community Centre, Corio and Norlane**

*Women's Banner Project*

\$7,850

Cloverdale Community Centre will facilitate women and girls from Corio and Norlane in the City of Greater Geelong in the making of three contemporary banners in homage to the women's suffrage movement. Banners were widely used by the suffragists to get their straightforward message of Give Women the Vote across to the public. The three banners will be different and will highlight the hopes and concerns of the women and girls. They will be exhibited during September and October.

### **East Grampians Health Service, Ararat**

*Your Story... My Story*

\$3,000

*Your story, my story* will involve 15 older women from a residential hostel and day centre, including women with a disability, sharing their lifetime stories with 15 secondary students. The stories will be written down and recorded. The participants will work with an artist to create a series of 15 artworks in recognition of the Centenary of Women's Suffrage. These will be publicly displayed before returning permanently to the Garden View Court Hostel and Patricia Hinchey Day Centre

### **Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative, Horsham**

*Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future*

\$5,000

Artists will work with local Koorie women to create mosaics that tell the women's stories of struggle for recognition. The mosaics will celebrate survival and show how far Indigenous women have come over the years. They will be installed in Horsham in June 2008.

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### **Greater Shepparton City Council**

*Through The Eyes of Youth*

\$7,600

*Through the eyes of youth'* will consider the impact women have had over the last 100 years in the region through their civic and community participation. The Word and Mouth youth group will work with young people in the area to develop a photographic exhibition, publication and youth leadership forum that explores the historical significance of suffrage. The exhibition will run in November 2008.

### **Haddon and District Community House**

*Real Gold - Women of the Woody Yaloak*

\$8,000

*Real gold - Women of the Woody Yaloak'* will bring together women, children and the wider community in a range of programs and activities aimed at providing insight and stimulating discussion about the significance of the local women involved in the suffrage movement and their impact on today's women. Ceramic figures of important suffragists, identified during the research program, will be made by the women and children participants and exhibited in November.

### **Historic Buildings Restoration Committee, Portland**

*At Last a Seat for Vida*

\$8,000

The pioneer women of Portland, Victoria's first permanent settlement, were essential to the growth of Victoria through their efforts in managing farms and developing communities. These women are commemorated by a small monument in the Portland Government Buildings Precinct.

Portland was also the birthplace of suffragist Vida Goldstein, the first female to stand for Parliament. However, her achievements remain largely untold in her birthplace. The Historic Buildings Restoration Committee will construct an artist-designed ornamental seat to place in Portland's heritage precinct to recognise the life of one of Australia's leading suffragists.

Following the installation of the seat *Empowerment through Protest*, a conference for young women will take place.

### **Inglewood and Districts Health Service**

*Women of Loddon - 100 Years*

\$8,000

Four community events celebrating the changing lives and roles of women in the Loddon Shire over the last 100 years will be held between March and November 2008. The first event on International Women's Day – 8 March – will include speaker Linda Beilhartz, the first woman to cross the Antarctic by foot and who is now the Manager of Loddon Mallee Women's Health.

### **Meriba Service Club of Colac Inc**

*Valuing Our Vote*

\$5,000

Colac Otway Shire is one of four local government areas to have no current female councillors and limited past female representation – even though over 300 women in the region signed the original Monster Petition in 1891. To start to redress the balance, the Meriba Service Club of Colac will hold a forum for around 170 people from a range of backgrounds and age groups to hear noted speakers discuss the history and impact of the suffrage movement.

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### **Myrtleford Secondary College**

*Exploring the past, present and future volunteering contributions of rural women*  
\$5,000

This project consists of a series of small community gatherings across the Alpine Shire, that are designed to bring women volunteers together to recognise and celebrate their contributions. A particular emphasis will be on the role of grandmothers, the quiet achievers, who are often the keepers of family histories and secrets. These stories will be written down by primary and secondary school students and forum participants in readiness for a publication and exhibition launch in July in Myrtleford.

### **Women of Euroa Group**

*Strathbogie Shire Women Recognising and Celebrating 100 Years of Voting Rights and Achievements*  
\$4,000.

All women across Strathbogie Shire will be invited to attend a lunch in October 2008 to recognise and celebrate 100 years since women in Victoria won the right to vote. Rachel Mazza, an actress, narrator and musician, will be the keynote speaker at this important regional event. The event will include a static display prepared by the Euroa Historical Society.

### **Women's Health Goulburn North East, Wangaratta, Wodonga and Benalla**

*Our Vote Counts: Stories of Young Aboriginal Women's Voting Experiences*  
\$8,800

There is very little known amongst the general community about the convoluted and tortuous path for Aboriginal women's suffrage. Yet this history is intriguing. At every twist, it illustrates aspects of white and black power relationships. Young Aboriginal women will hear how older Aboriginal women felt about voting for the first time in the 1960s. A DVD will be produced, affording us all the chance to deepen our understanding of the value of civic and political participation.

### **Women's Health Grampians**

*Recording Ballarat's Great Women*  
\$6,700

Women's Health Grampians will launch "*Amongst Ballarat's Finest*" at the 2008 Zonta International Women's Day event on 8 March. The book profiles 113 women from the past and present. The women have been nominated by the Ballarat community. They include Eady Hart, whose dye making won her bronze medals and much acclaim around the world, and Mother Gonzaga, a Loreto nun whose pioneer work in education at all levels for Catholic girls included establishing the Catholic Training College for teachers at Dawson Street, Ballarat, in 1884 and a free kindergarten in South Melbourne in 1912.

### **Wonthaggi Neighbourhood House @ Mitchell House Inc**

*'Black Coal - Flaming Hearts' - The Rise of Women's Leadership in Wonthaggi!*  
\$5,760

*Black coal - Flaming Hearts* will tell the story of the Miners Women's Auxilliary which achieved extraordinary change in health and primary care services for local people, education and the involvement of women in economic and political debate. It will also highlight contemporary stories of inspiring women and their journey to leadership positions.

The program will include researching existing and taped oral histories of Auxilliary members, conducting interviews with past and present women leaders, the development of a photographic library and production of a digital storybook. The '*Black Coal - Flaming Hearts*' DVD will be launched at a Women's Suffrage Celebration dinner at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre in November.