

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK



Newsletter

June 2025

SWAN acknowledges the Bunurong / Boon Wurrung people, the Traditional Custodians of these lands and waters where we meet, work and live. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present. In line with our commitment to social justice, SWAN unequivocally supports First Nations People in their campaigns for sovereignty, self-determination, treaties and truth-telling.

Southern Women's+ Action Network

Women of the Mornington Peninsula and across the Southern Metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne striving for social justice.

SWAN aspires to be a supportive community for all women, including ethnically diverse, differently abled, and those self-identifying as transgender or non-binary. We are committed to encompassing greater gender diversity in our membership, practices, social justice actions and in the terminology that we use.

SWAN NEWS Notice

CONTRIBUTION END DATES for 2025:

So you receive the NEWS on the first day of each month, the deadline date for 2025 will be the 25th of the month. For example, January 25 for February's newsletter, February 25 for March's newsletter, and so on - through to November 25 for December's newsletter.

DIARY DATES:

To keep you informed on what's happening in our area, check out Diary Dates near the end of this newsletter.

We appreciate all contributions to SWAN NEWS and encourage members to provide information about events, activities and causes, including photos (as long as those photographed have given permission, and the photographer's name and/or source is included).

Council Cuts

Do you care about arts, culture, climate change, indigenous rights, social justice, good governance and transparency in political activities?

As a SWAN member – the answer is most likely a very big YES!

Firstly, there was the Council's decision on 29 April to rescind the **Climate Emergency Declaration** and the associated **Climate Emergency Plan (CEP) 2020-2030**, which was significantly supported by 92% of Mornington Peninsula residents when introduced in 2019.

At their meeting on Tuesday 6 May, the Council then made sweeping changes to the Shire's grants and subsidies program, which has resulted in many other community-led programs losing their funding and/or MPS support including **Friends of Lospalos** and **Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association**. Willum Warrain's funding for an inclusion grant of \$103,000.00 was terminated for the FY 2025/26 budget and Lospalos' annual funding of \$9000 was also rescinded for the FY 2025/26. There's a \$480K cut in funding to the **Performing Arts Development Fund** and the **Creative Fund** from the **Community Investment Fund for the FY 2025/26** - this is funding that supports new theatre work, creates albums, makes films, supports writers and a range of creative practices across the Peninsula. The cuts will have a significant impact on Willum Warrain's operations and result in the removal of Lospalos' scholarship program for teacher training, as well as impacting the support of artists and performers, who are mostly sole traders and/or small businesses that keep the creative wheels spinning locally.

Many SWAN members have already been corresponding with and attending meetings with other community groups, writing to Councillors and the Mornington Peninsula News, and attended the protest cross-group rally at the Council meeting on 20 May:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/19Eq1w2Ho4/>



Some of the SWAN Members protesting at Council's May 20 meeting attended by 350 people.

L-R: Monica Coyle, Susan Hillman Stolz, Susan Blackburn & Mechelle Cheers. Photo: Diane McDonald.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

If you haven't already done so we encourage everyone to express opposition to these decisions by emailing the individual Councillors who VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE CUTS, as well as the MPSC CEO, MPSC Head of Community Strengthening, and MPSC Planning Department using the addresses below.:

Mayor, Anthony Marsh: anthony.marsh@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Deputy Mayor, Paul Pingiaro: Paul.Pingiaro@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Andrea Allen: Andrea.Allen@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Bruce Ranken: Bruce.Ranken@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Stephen Batty: Stephen.Batty@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Cam Williams: Cam.Williams@mornpen.vic.gov.au

The Council CEO: Mark Stoermer - mark.stoermer@mornpen.vic.gov.au

The Head of Community Strengthening: Cheryl Casey - Cheryl.Casey@mornpen.vic.gov.au

David Simon, Acting Director, Planning & Infrastructure: David.Simon@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Please keep your emails short and polite.



RESTORE WILLUM WARRAIN FUNDING

Sign this Petition:

https://www.change.org/p/restore-willum-warrain-funding?recruiter=1303030697&recruited_by_id=f80c58d0-cd06-11ed-b3ea-13cc40aebcec&utm_source=share_petition&utm_campaign=p petition_dashboard&utm_medium=copylink

Send this Letter:

'WW Advocacy Letter' that you can use, provided by Maureen Donelly. Return to SWAN NEWS homepage and click the link in the introduction.

If you have any questions about the proposed cut to Willum Warrain or would like further information, including what you could do to show your support, please contact: Maureen Donelly from the **Southern Peninsula Allies** group at: maurdone@gmail.com or Deb Child from **Walking Together** at: deb.child77@gmail.com or Julie Pittle from the **MP Human Rights** group: juliepittle@hotmail.com

To have your say and influence current and future Council planning:

The **COUNCIL PLAN** and **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN CONSULTATION** is a key opportunity to ensure that Climate Action and many other areas important to community are prioritised in Council's strategic direction. Please read carefully, and make comments aligned with the parts of the plans that are important to you: <https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/our-peninsula-our-future>

In addition you can also **write a letter to the Editor of your local paper**, the Mornington Peninsula News, addressing your concerns to team@mpnews.com.au and mornpennews@yahoo.com.au

If you want to go further you can make a **complaint to the Local Government Inspectorate** (you can choose to do this anonymously): <https://www.lgi.vic.gov.au/make-complaint-local-government-inspectorate>

To thank them for their support, you could also email those **Councillors who VOTED AGAINST the rescinding of the Climate Emergency Declaration and against the funding cuts**:

David Gill: David.gill@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Max Patton: max.patton@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Katie Roper: katie.roper@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Micheal Stephens: Michael.stephens@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Stephen Binyon: stephen.binyon@mornpen.vic.gov.au

TO SAVE OUR ARTS

sign this petition:

<https://saveourartsmvp.org/>

*Let's keep **the heart** in our beautiful Peninsula so that it **remains** a place on which we are **proud** to live!*

Left: Protesting council cuts to the Arts at May 20 Council meeting.

Photo: Susan Blackburn



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 'Budget Adoption'

Tuesday 3 June, Council's Rosebud Office, 90 Besgrove St.

Mornington Peninsula News has published articles: 14/5/2025 '*Winners and losers in budget shakeup*'; 21/5/2025 '*Peninsula creatives rally to reinstate arts funding*'; and 28/5/2025 '*Big sing, protest, celebrates the power of arts*' – available on their website.

To view letters sent on behalf of SWAN to Mornington Peninsula News and to Willum Warrain expressing our concerns, return to the SWAN NEWS homepage and click on the links in the introduction.

Please keep the momentum going with your own letters, sign the petitions, attend council and inter-organisational meetings, and do the current Council consultation.

SWAN Speaker: Cyanna McClaren

'Women and Mentoring: Young Women's Program'

Cyanna McLaren, Co-ordinator of the Women & Mentoring (WAM) Young Women's Program in the Frankston, Mornington Peninsula, Dandenong and Casey communities, presented on how and why the program is an effective strategy for empowering at-risk 12-24 year old cisgender women, transgender women, and non-binary people. WAM matches participants (mentees) with a trained volunteer mentor, including participants in the early stages of contact with the criminal justice system. Participants come from a range of backgrounds - predominantly low socio-economic - and experience multifactor needs and issues, such as childhood trauma, social isolation, and real and perceived societal judgement. For example, 95% of participants have lived experience of the complexities of family violence.

WAM commenced in 2009, uses an *empowerment model* for both mentor and mentee where the mentoring relationship is *'guided by goals, grounded in growth'*. The mentor-mentee relationship extends over a year, is primarily about the participant being validated and feeling safe and supported, and centres on empowering the mentee in creating sustainable relationships. Mentors are trained, appropriately matched and guided by WAM staff and also engage in peer support. Importantly, Cyanna emphasised that the mentoring relationship is not one-way but a reciprocal, mutually beneficial relationship. About the program, Cyanna stated:

'While goals provide structure, growth often happens beyond them – in small changes to how a young person sees themselves, connects with others, or navigates challenges. Progress may not always be linear or easily measured, but it is deeply significant'.



L-R: Melissa Kelly (SWAN Meeting Facilitator), Cyanna McClaren (Women and Mentoring), and Susan Hillman Stolz (SWAN Speaker Coordinator). Photo: Beck Cridland

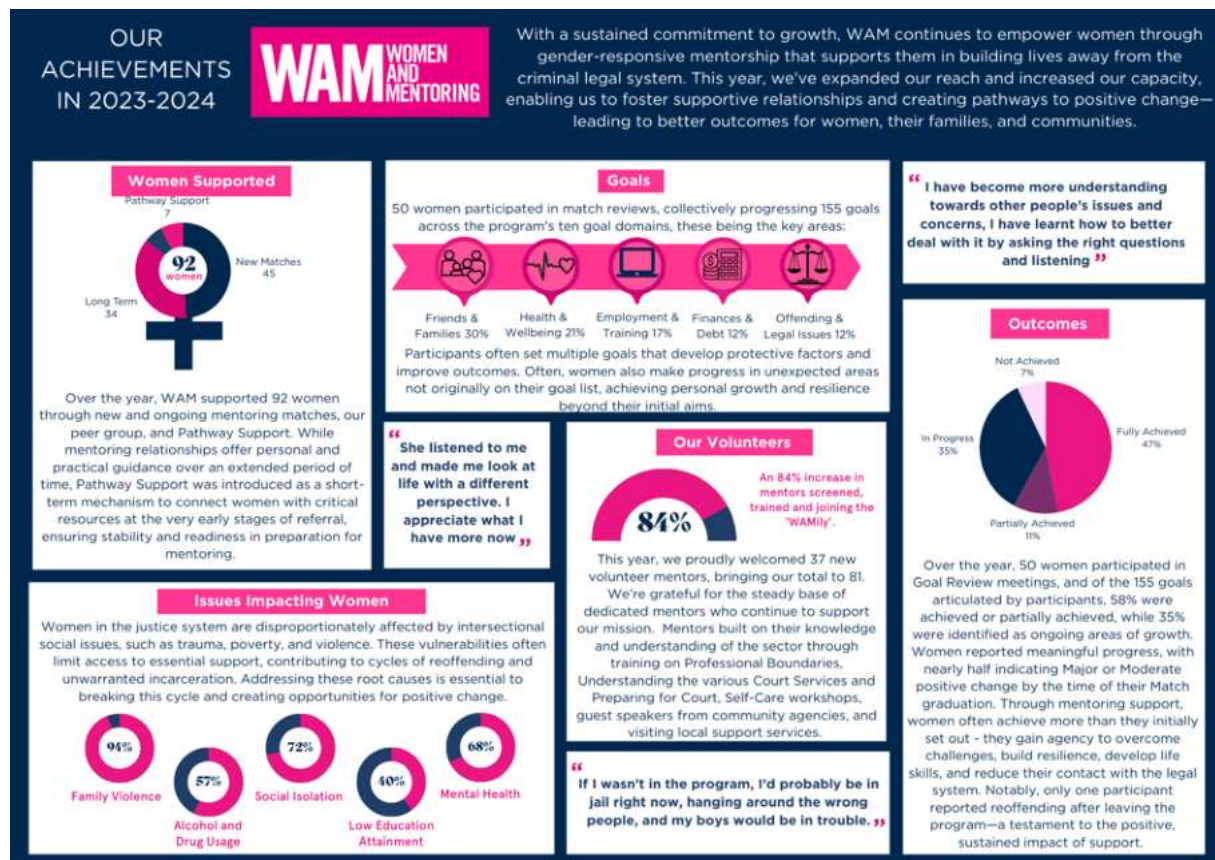
In particular, Cyanna clarified what Mentors CAN and CAN'T do, for example:

CAN'T: 'Mentors are not case workers and do not replace professional services'. WAM staff and mentors network with specialised supports to put these in place if needed.

CAN: 'Mentors can provide support to mentees applying for jobs and re-engaging in education'.

Further, Cyanna explained how the WAM program gives mentors ‘a trauma-aware perspective that can be carried into future professional contexts’, particularly when matching participants with university students who are studying in the areas of social work, psychology, teaching, or criminology.

Cyanna’s own background in criminology and experience with intensive case management, family violence response, and early intervention programs, brings a trauma-informed, relational approach to supporting young women and strengthening community responses. Cyanna’s deep engagement in strategic community collaboration to address gendered inequalities and her active contribution to advisory networks, assists in ensuring young women's lived experiences remain at the centre of conversations about systemic change.



WAM handout provided to SWAN members at the meeting gives an overview of the program

WAM receives both philanthropic and state government funding and relies on donations to facilitate its programs. An extensive Evaluation Report of the program was conducted in 2021.

On behalf of WAM, Cyanna gratefully received SWAN’s \$200 donation.

WAM: ‘Empowering Positive Change in the Community’

More info about WAM Young Women’s Program, their Ann Polis Empowerment Fund, or about volunteering to be a mentor: <https://www.womenandmentoring.org.au>

Check out WAM’s ‘The Art of Connection’ exhibition at Mornington Library Foyer from June 8!

Thank you to our Raffle Sponsors for our May meeting **Farrells Bookshop in Mornington** and **Nora’s Pizza House in Rye**. Flowers for the speaker were kindly donated by **Secret Garden Mornington**.

Next SWAN Coffee Catch-Up: McCrae

Sunday 22 June 10.00am

Wildflower Café

665 – 667 Point Nepean Rd. McCrae

Reserve your seat by June 15!

Email Moz Lucas: maureenfrances21@gmail.com



It'll be warm and cosy inside!



Extra parking available across the road near McCrae Lighthouse

SWAN Women for Housing Justice: Update

The SW4HJ continues to progress our advocacy and now that the election and federal government leadership has been decided, we are seizing the opportunity presented by Flinders no longer being a safe seat, to try to get a much stronger focus on the local homelessness and housing crisis. The aim is to not only keep the issues out there in the public domain but also continue our pressure for better funding of much needed facilities and services. We have plans for a new round of meetings with elected representatives and stakeholders. In addition to following up on community submissions and the promises Minister Shing made at the Round Table, we have exciting plans for upcoming activities, including planning a trip to Canberra to meet with stakeholders (*watch this space!*).

The group has also contacted all Roundtable attendees and provided them with the latest correspondence from Minister Shing and a copy of a letter we have sent to the Minister regarding the unacceptable situation at 335 Main Street Mornington. It is hoped that our suggestion of working with the Shire and a notable social housing provider will provide a good solution to the current state of housing at that location. There is the opportunity to turn 16 units (only 12 currently in use) into 70 new units.

The good news is that a few positive outcomes have started to eventuate including this one:

Community Housing for Women & Children in Rosebud – HAVE YOUR SAY



The MPSC is supporting the development of a women's housing project to be located on shire owned land in Rosebud. SW4HJ is very positive about this initiative that aims to provide safe, stable, and affordable medium-term housing for low-income women and their children, as well as women at risk of homelessness aged 55 and over, to help them transition to permanent housing.

THE COUNCIL IS SEEKING VIEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY ON THIS PROPOSAL. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS IS OPEN UNTIL 4 JUNE. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE VIA THE [FEEDBACK FORM](https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/community-housing-women-and-children-rosebud) BELOW:

<https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/community-housing-women-and-children-rosebud>

SWAN WOMEN FOR HOUSING JUSTICE

You are most welcome to attend our next SW4HJ meeting – Tuesday 10 June at 9.45am

Room 56, Mt Martha Community House, 466 Esplanade, Mt Martha.

Contact: Erica Churchill churchill.eric@gmail.com

YOU'RE INVITED

"SPLaSh for Women"

LADIES LUNCHEON

A special charity fundraiser hosted by Sorrento Beachside Tourism in support of Southern Peninsula Community Support's work assisting women experiencing homelessness.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, 4 June 2025

Location: RACV Cape Schanck Resort

Time: 12pm arrival

Tickets: \$98.00 per person

Includes a welcome glass of bubbles and three course lunch.

Tickets: <https://charitydos.com.au/do/48695>



Scan for tickets.

Why Attend?

Your support will directly help vulnerable women in our community. The focus for this event is on women who are rough sleeping and a program providing them with safe access to shower and laundry facilities.

This is more than just an event—
it's an opportunity to make a real impact.

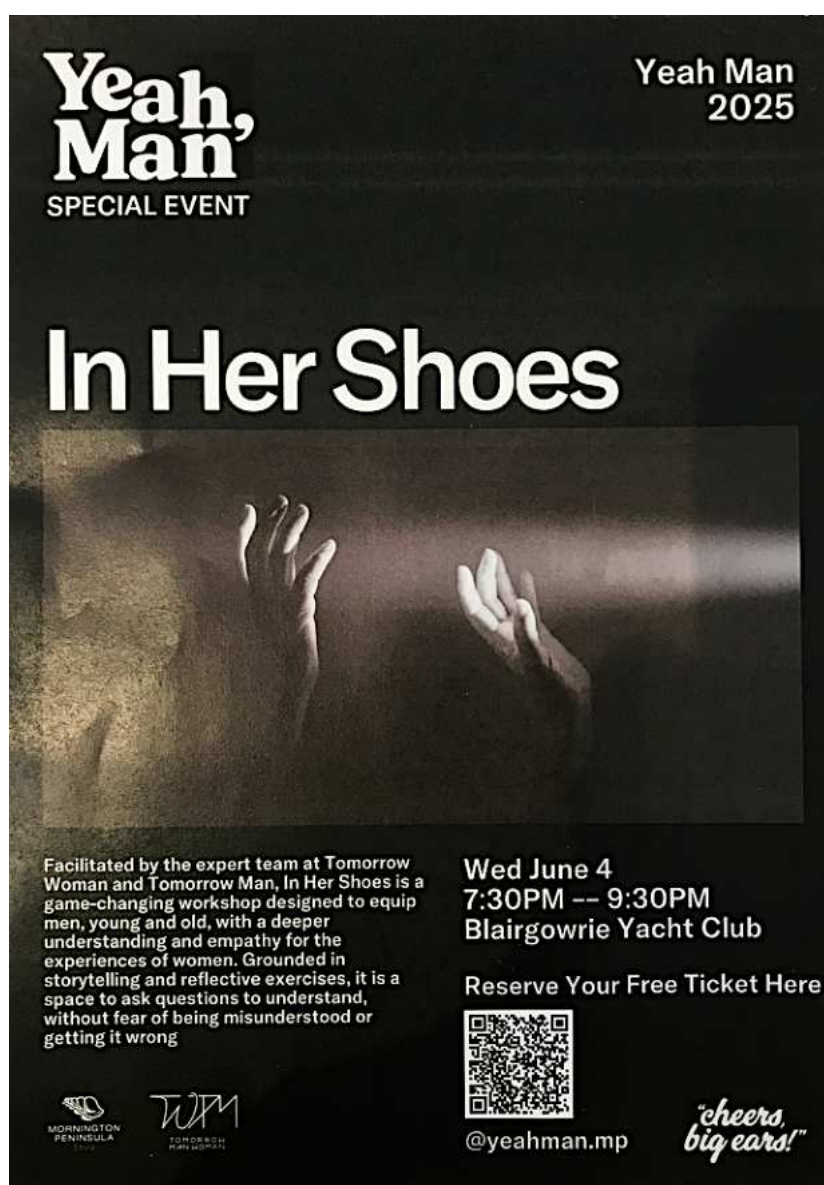


SWAN Women Against Gender-based Violence

May 2025 was Family and Domestic Violence month. '*Coercive control, non-physical violence and relationship red flags*' are currently hot topics in the area of Family and Domestic Violence that are not clearly acknowledged or understood.

SWAN members can access definitions of these and useful resources from RESPECT VICTORIA which you can find here:

<https://www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au/coercive-control-non-physical-violence-and-relationship-red-flags>



The poster is for a 'Yeah Man' Special Event titled 'In Her Shoes'. It features a dark background with a central image of two hands, one palm up and one palm down, as if feeling something. The text is white and black. At the top left is the 'Yeah Man' logo with 'SPECIAL EVENT' below it. At the top right is 'Yeah Man 2025'. The title 'In Her Shoes' is in large white letters. Below the title is a paragraph of text describing the workshop. To the right of this text is the date and time: 'Wed June 4 7:30PM -- 9:30PM' and the location: 'Blairgowrie Yacht Club'. Below this is a QR code and the text 'Reserve Your Free Ticket Here'. At the bottom left are logos for 'MORNINGTON PENINSULA' and 'TOMORROW WOMAN'. At the bottom right is the text '@yeahman.mp' and a quote 'cheers, big ears!'.

Yeah Man'
SPECIAL EVENT


Yeah Man
2025

In Her Shoes

Facilitated by the expert team at Tomorrow Woman and Tomorrow Man, In Her Shoes is a game-changing workshop designed to equip men, young and old, with a deeper understanding and empathy for the experiences of women. Grounded in storytelling and reflective exercises, it is a space to ask questions to understand, without fear of being misunderstood or getting it wrong

Wed June 4
7:30PM -- 9:30PM
Blairgowrie Yacht Club

Reserve Your Free Ticket Here



@yeahman.mp

"cheers, big ears!"

MORNINGTON PENINSULA
TOMORROW WOMAN

SWAN WOMEN AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

NEXT MEETING: Friday 27 June, 1.15pm,

Mt Martha House Community Centre, Room 7, cnr Esplanade & Dominion Rd. Mt Martha.

Contact: Maureen Donnelly maurdone@gmail.com

Your ongoing letters to the media and to politicians about HOMELESSNESS and GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE still matter. They feed into the issues we will discuss in forthcoming meetings with more of our politicians and local government representatives. Please keep them coming and tell us of responses you receive, including the 'no reply'!

Gender-Based Violence Responses: maurdone@gmail.com

Homelessness Responses: churchill.ERICA@gmail.com

Please support the need for SAFE EMERGENCY HOUSING by signing this petition:

[Everybody's Home \(everybodyshome.com.au\)](https://everybodyshome.com.au)

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO SWAN MEMBER MECHELLE CHEERS!

On receiving her Dame Phyllis Frost Local Hero Award at the 2025 Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards on May 3. Mechelle's selfless work in environmental stewardship on the Mornington Peninsula is inspiring and is making a difference in preserving our beautiful region.



See the full article: <https://www.mpnews.com.au/2025/05/13/town-hero-honoured-at-tidy-towns-awards/>

SWAN BURSARY



At the Mornington Peninsula Foundation's 2025 AGM (L-R): Councillor David Gill, Willam Warrain's Cara Loveridge and Peter Aldenhoven, Councillor Michael Stephen, SWAN's Lyn Jones.
Photo: Supplied.

Mornington Peninsula Foundation (MPF) a philanthropic organisation, has generously taken SWAN under its wing, supporting us in liaising with Rosebud Secondary College and Western Port Secondary College in establishing the bursary for each school. The Val McKenna Young Women's Advocacy Award is overseen by SWAN members Lyn Jones and Susan Blackburn. MPF do outstanding work in disadvantaged schools on the Mornington Peninsula resulting in significant progress in re-engaging with students and improving learning outcomes. The MPF AGM provided an opportunity to inform Council members and community organisations of the bursary, of SWAN's advocacy work particularly in housing justice and domestic violence, and to meet MPF's Communications Manager Nikki Fisher.

Later in the year, SWAN members will have an opportunity to meet with Bursary recipients Jenna (WPSC) and Murphy (RSC).

Information about the SWAN Bursary and instructions for making a tax-deductible donation are available at: <https://swanwomen.org.au/swan-donations-and-bursaries/> Or see below: **HOW DO I DONATE?**

It's EOFY! Give yourself a tax break by making a Donation

Or perhaps you're celebrating a special birthday or anniversary?
Have you thought about a donation to SWAN in lieu of gifts?

Our NEW SWAN BURSARY 'The Val McKenna Young Women's Advocacy Award'
supports our Education Bursaries for young women
on their social justice journey.

Donations for this new Bursary are tax deductible.
Alternatively, cash donations can be given to SWAN Treasurer Erica Churchill.

Thank You!

HOW DO I DONATE?

Donate via the MPF website www.mpf.org.au

- (1) Open MPF website link
- (2) Click on the DONATE tab top RH side
- (3) Enter your donation amount
- (4) Under 'Categories' click 'Scholarships'
- (5) Tick the box 'Write us a comment'
- (6) In 'Your comment' write 'Donate to SWAN Bursary'

If you have difficulty navigating this process please contact:
swanwomen@outlook.com

The screenshot shows the 'Choose amount' page of the MPF website. It features a 'Contribute Today' section with 'One-time' and 'Monthly' tabs. Below this are three buttons for 'A\$ 100', 'A\$ 500', and 'A\$ 1,000', along with a text input field for 'A\$ Custom Amount'. A green arrow points to the 'A\$ 1,000' button with the label '1. Choose amount'. Below the amount selection is a 'Categories' dropdown menu set to 'Scholarships', with a green arrow pointing to it labeled '2. Select Scholarships'. Underneath is a checkbox labeled 'Write us a comment' which is checked, with a green arrow pointing to it labeled '3. Check tick box'. Below that is a text input field for 'Your comment', with a green arrow pointing to it labeled '4. Donate to SWAN Bursary'. At the bottom is a blue 'Next' button with a right arrow.

TEAM MEMBER NEEDED

!!!We urgently need a volunteer to join our CATERING TEAM!!!

This will help ensure that we can provide a variety of tasty refreshments at our

General Meetings, held five times a year.

We only need you 5 times a year. The tasks are not arduous or overly time-consuming.

The role simply involves purchasing a small selection of food and beverage supplies (at no cost to you), laying out refreshments prior to the meeting, packing up any leftover food, and ensuring the kitchen is clean and tidy.

You won't be alone but with a delightful team of helpers.

CONTACT: susanhs@bigpond.com

REFUGEE WEEK 2025 IN AUSTRALIA is June 15 - 21, 2025. The theme for 2025 is 'Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community' highlighting the importance of community in all our lives, regardless of background. World Refugee Day is June 20. More info: www.refugeeweek.org.au

Dunkley-Flinders Grandmothers for Refugees event: June 17, 5.50 - 7.15pm speaker & presentation on current plight. Mornington Library meeting room, light refreshments, no booking necessary, free. Inquiries: 0400 201 689 or maryannebarclay5@gmail.com

Supporting First Nations

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – June 3

The theme for 2025 '**Bridging Now to Next**' encourages reflection on the past and looking ahead to build a more united and respectful Australia.



Willum Warrain Cultural Forum on Reconciliation



**Thursday
29th May,
7–8:30pm**

**Where to now with
Reconciliation
and how do we
get there?**

Please join Willum Warrain mob and allies for an in-depth discussion of this year's Reconciliation Week's theme: 'Bringing Now to Next'.

A panel of speakers (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) will present on this year's theme followed by a Q&A session and refreshments.

A powerful night of Truth-telling and Truth-listening. Not to be missed.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2015
Bridging Now to Next
27 MAY – 3 JUNE
#NOWTO2025 | RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU



WILLUM WARRAIN CULTURAL FORUM ON RECONCILIATION

Was held on THURSDAY 29 MAY at Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association in Hastings and saw a good turn-out. The topic was the immediate and continuing impacts of the NO vote and the problematic notion of Reconciliation going forward, and importantly, the role of allies to advocate strongly for change.

L-R: Forum speakers Hilary Aldenhoven, Emmy Webbers and Taneisha Webster with Peter Aldenhoven, CEO Willum Warrain.

Photos: Beck Cridland



Southern Peninsula Allies for Justice for First Nations

NEXT MEETING – ALL WELCOME: Friday 20 June, midday
at Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St, Rye.
Contact Marg Darcy: 0409 859 046

Aiming to amplify First Nations Voices, build community awareness, support Treaty and Truth-Telling and engage with First Nations communities locally.

RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Story of Eddie Mabo: a free screening

Tuesday 3 June, 10am -12noon

Limited spaces, must book

32 Nursery Avenue Frankston

For more information, contact

Nairm Marr Djambana on 9783 1521



Walking Together Mornington Peninsula is looking for more people to promote and support First Nations people, organisations, businesses and events. **Meetings online:** walkingtogethormorningtonpen@gmail.com

'Our group was formed from many of the Mornington Peninsula Yes23 campaigners who committed to continuing the journey to support local Indigenous Australians as we moved past the Voice Referendum result of 14 October 2023'.

FIRST NATIONS FILM FESTIVAL 2025

As part of Reconciliation Week, the First Nations Film Festival is more than just a film festival - it's an opportunity for audiences to engage with important themes and ideas, to learn from one another, and to build stronger connections between communities. Celebrating Strength, Vision & Legacy.

Buy an All Access pass from 27 May - 10 June 2025.

<https://www.fanforcetv.com/pages/fnff25>

Dates for your Diary



- **SUNDAY 1 JUNE, 11am-1pm:** *'Willum Warrain Reconciliation Week Family & Allies Day'*, Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association, 10 Pound Rd. Hastings. See flyer p.14 for details.
- **TUESDAY 3 JUNE:** *'The Story of Eddie Mabo'*, a free at Nairn Marr Djambana Aboriginal Gathering Place by the Bay, 32 Nursery Ave, Frankston. Limited spaces, bookings essential: 03 9783 1521
- **WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, 12pm arrival:** *'SPLaSH for Women Ladies Luncheon'*, a special fundraiser for Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre's support for women experiencing homelessness. Details & bookings: p.9
- **WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, 7.30-9.30pm:** *'In Her Shoes'*, awareness workshop at Blairgowrie Yacht Club. Free, bookings essential. See p.10 for details.
- **FRIDAY 6 JUNE, 10-11.30am:** *'Grandmothers for Refugees Meeting: Dunkley & Flinders'*, Frankston Library, Playne St. Frankston – new members welcome. More Info: Maryanne 0400 201 689 or maryannebarclay5@gmail.com
- **TUESDAY 10 JUNE, 9.45-11.45am:** *'SWAN Women for Housing Justice meeting'*, Mt. Martha House Community Centre, Room 56, cnr. Dominion Rd. & Esplanade, Mt. Martha. Contact: Erica Churchill churchill.eric@gmail.com
- **TUESDAY 10 JUNE – TUESDAY 8 JULY:** *'The Art of Connection' exhibition*, Women and Mentoring (WAM), Mornington Community Art Space, Mornington Library Foyer, Vancouver St. Mornington.
- **TUESDAY 17 JUNE, 5.50 – 7.15pm:** *'Refugee Week 2025 Speaker Presentation: Grandmothers for Refugees, Dunkley & Flinders'*, Mornington Library, Vancouver St. Mornington. Light refreshments provided. Free, no bookings required. Inquiries: 0400 201 689 or maryannebarclay5@gmail.com
- **FRIDAY 20 JUNE, midday:** *'Southern Peninsula Allies for Justice for First Nations meeting'*, Rye Community House, 27 Nelson St. Rye. Contact: Marg Darcy 0409 859 046
- **FRIDAY 27 JUNE, 11am-1pm:** *'Willum Warrain Big Mob Cook Up'*, Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association, 10 Pound Rd. Hastings. Contact: (03) 5979 1391 or 0403528034 or willumwarrain.org.au
- **FRIDAY 27 JUNE, 1.15pm:** *'SWAN Women Against Gender-Based Violence meeting'*, Mt. Martha House Community Centre, Room 7, cnr. Dominion Rd. & Esplanade, Mt. Martha. Contact: Maureen Donnelly maurdone@gmail.com
- **FRIDAY 4 JULY, 6.30pm:** *'NAIDOC 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance & Awards Night'*, hosted by Nairn Marr Djambana. Bookings to join a SWAN Table: swanwomen@outlook.com

Contact Us

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Moz Lucas

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK



OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER aims to inform readers of current issues and matters of interest.

SWAN NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS If you have information of interest to our members, please ensure you let the editor Moz Lucas know via swanwomen@outlook.com **Next Deadline 25 June 2025**

PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION Recent events and photos may appear on SWAN's Facebook page, Youtube, Instagram and website, as well as in SWAN NEWS. Please advise at the door of a SWAN meeting (or when prompted) if you do not wish to be in photographs or videos, otherwise we will take it that you are happy to have your photo published.

PHOTOS NEEDED: PLEASE EMAIL US GOOD QUALITY PHOTOS OF EVENTS/OCCASIONS OF INTEREST TO SWAN MEMBERS. INCLUDE THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME AND ENSURE PERMISSION FROM THOSE PHOTOGRAPHED. SEND TO: swanwomen@outlook.com

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHua3ynobWOxAUEfOPLt1yQ>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/southernwomensactionnetwork/>

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- * Nora's Pizza House: 2113 Point Nepean Road Rye (03) 5985 3967 noraspizzahouse.com.au
- * Secret Garden: 81 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 0977 secretgardenflowers.com.au
- * Zen Living: 70 Main Street Mornington (03) 5975 1013 zenlivingmornington.com

PARKING

A request from Mt Martha House Community Centre - *Please do not park in Disabled Parking areas and, if parking is tight and you are fit, please park in the rear car park. The Reserved Parking spots in front of the building are now available for public use.*

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