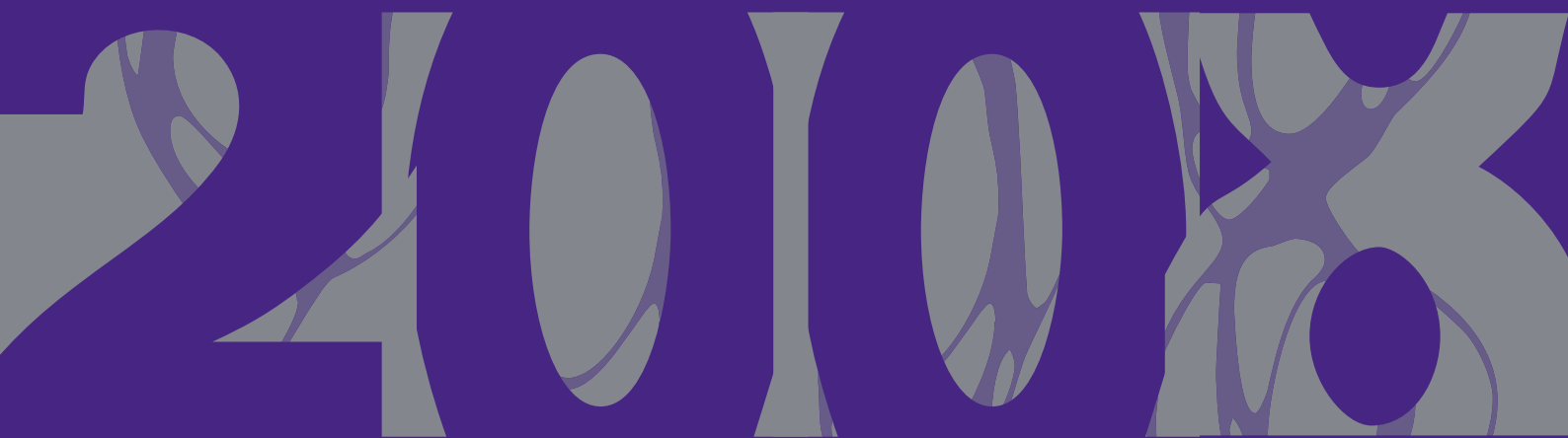


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## A message from the Hon Jennifer Rankine MP Minister for the Status of Women

Congratulations to all the inspiring women who have been nominated for the 2008 South Australian Women's Honour Roll.

Recognising their achievements in this Honour Roll provides just a glimpse into the energy, passion and commitment of these women, and many of them are from the ranks of South Australia's strong and proud volunteer community.

All the women honoured on this roll have been nominated for their outstanding performance and achievements in championing diversity, leading the community towards respect and responsibility and exploring new directions through innovation.

We are privileged to have so many remarkable and talented women in South Australia.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jennifer Rankine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

### **Hon Jennifer Rankine MP**

Minister for State/  
Local Government Relations  
Minister for the Status of Women  
Minister for Volunteers  
Minister for Consumer Affairs  
Minister Assisting in Early Childhood  
Development

# 2008 south australian woman of the year

Solveiga Greaves

**SOLVEIGA GREAVES IS CO-DIRECTOR AT MARRA DREAMING, AN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LOCATED AT SALISBURY. MARRA MURRANGGA KUMANGKA MEANS 'HANDS WORKING TOGETHER' IN THE KAURNA LANGUAGE.**

Born in Latvia, Solveiga came to Australia in 1949. After completing her training in Nursing and Midwifery in 1967 she elected to work in the Northern Territory at Hermannsburg for six years. Not daunted by life in the remote outback, Solveiga then spent over ten years with the TAFE Mobile Unit teaching in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands, Ceduna, Point Pearce, Raukkan, Gerrard, Neppabunna and Baroota Alcohol Rehabilitation Farm.

In the late 1980s Solveiga returned to Adelaide and took up a position lecturing at the Salisbury TAFE. Closure of the TAFE in 1998 saw her bring together a group of women to meet once a week in the local church hall, paying \$2 a week for phone and electricity, to set up a supportive organisation for Aboriginal people. Marra Dreaming was established a year later with funding received from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Solveiga has a great affinity with the Aboriginal community through her deep understanding and acknowledgment of issues of dispossession and stolen identity. Her vision of assisting people to become empowered through the provision of appropriate educational programs has led to the success of Marra Dreaming within the community. Solveiga's role in the organisation also involves many volunteer hours in securing funding for the ongoing existence of Marra Dreaming and in creating a safe and supported environment for Aboriginal people. The organisation provides a wide range of educational programs and workshops including business administration, driver education, mural painting, basket weaving, and silk painting. A wide range of contemporary Aboriginal art is produced and sold as a result of these programs.

Summing up Solveiga's passion and leadership qualities, one of her co-workers described her as 'the main driver of the bus - with all the rest of us all like happy dogs with our heads hanging out the windows, eyes wide and ears blowing back because we're being driven along at such a wonderful fast pace!'

“Solveiga has a wonderful heart and great understanding of Aboriginal people.”

Mona Olsson  
*Aboriginal Elder*

# 2008 finalists

## Beverly Blacklock

Beverley is committed to community involvement through her generosity of spirit and a belief that fortune should be shared. As owner of the Nomanville Hotel she ensures that the local community come together in times of celebration and hardship. Despite personal hardships she has a strong sense of social responsibility and has always opened her business to anyone in need. A strong supporter of Alanon [support for families of alcoholics] and Alateen [support for children of alcoholics], Red Cross and Royal Flying Doctor Service, Beverley has inspired many people in the community that she has met, worked with, or befriended.

## Michelle Cockshell

Michelle works tirelessly in her role as secretary of the fundraising activities of the Gawler Chapter of Operation Flinders. Operation Flinders Foundation is a South Australian based charitable organisation that runs a wilderness adventure program for young offenders and young people at risk. The program takes participants between the age of 14 and 18 years on an eight day exercise in the far northern Flinders Ranges, providing an opportunity for participants to break away from their past and grow as valued members of the community. Each year Michelle works behind the scenes to organise a dinner which raises between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for the Gawler Chapter of Operation Flinders. Michelle is described by her peers as a dedicated, hardworking and passionate person.

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## Daniela Costa

Daniela has provided outstanding leadership and advocacy in the field of women's health since the 1980s. Currently employed as a Medical Practitioner at Women's Health Statewide she has provided an ongoing women's clinic with a focus on migrant women's health. Since 1994 Daniela has also held the position of Visiting Medical Practitioner at the Migrant Health Service and has initiated health clinics for women at Northfield Prison, women in the workforce and recently arrived women. Daniela is active as a volunteer in the Italian community as a member of the Multicultural Communities Council since 2000 and as an elected member on the General Council of Italians Abroad.



## Rhonda Dadleh

Rhonda is an Arrabunna woman from Marree [Finnis Springs]. Whilst caring for her nine children Rhonda became one of the first qualified South Australian Aboriginal early childhood educators. Since graduating in the mid 1980s she has been the Director of the Flinders Children's Centre in Port Augusta and also worked at the Port Augusta Hospital teaching new staff about providing appropriate support systems for the Aboriginal community. Rhonda shares her knowledge in local schools teaching about loss and grief in Aboriginal families and communities; and is actively involved in the Nana's group at the Augusta Park Primary School. Now retired, Rhonda concentrates on her twenty eight grandchildren but remains a strong advocate for early childhood education and assists mothers in the area to access community services.

## Ivy Kathleen Freeman OAM

Ivy has contributed countless hours of work to the Tumby Bay community. She has been active in local government and also in a diverse range of community organisations including the Country Women's Association, National Trust, Women's Agriculture Bureau and Business SA, Arts Council, Bowling Club and the Royal District Nursing Association. From 1949 she drove her own vehicle as a school bus for eight and a half years, transporting her own children as well as her neighbour's children. Ivy still often travels overnight for 600 km by bus to Adelaide to attend meetings. At the age of 88 years, she has not let her age halt her busy schedule and still manages a 7000 acre farming and grazing property with her son and grandson. Ivy is considered the local historian in the Tumby Bay region as she has collected newspaper clippings and historical records of the town for many years.

## Vicki Lachlan and Karen Burnes

Vicki and Karen both demonstrate an outstanding commitment to high-need families and survivors of domestic violence in the role of Executive Director and Chair at The Women's Housing Association. Vicki has been involved in the women's housing sector since the 1980s and as Executive Director of The Women's Housing Association for the past thirteen years. She is a fierce advocate for women and is the South Australian voice for women's domestic violence services to the Commonwealth in her role on the Women's Services Network and Homelessness Australia. Karen has been actively involved in women's housing over many years, previously with the Community Housing Council of South Australia and now with The Women's Housing Association as Chair. She has held this position for over four years and works closely with Vicki in establishing safe and appropriate housing for women and children escaping domestic violence situations.

## Katherine Leane

Katherine was diagnosed as being HIV positive over twenty years ago. Since that time she has provided leadership, strength and inspiration to other HIV positive women in the community and taken on a key role in the development of national support and advocacy networks for HIV positive women across Australia. Despite the many personal challenges and hardships that she has had to overcome and continues to face, Katherine demonstrates a selflessness and dedication to support others who live with the stigma of HIV/AIDS. She has a resilience and commitment to social justice that is inspirational to others. Katherine firmly believes in the effectiveness of 'putting a face to HIV' as a means of leading the community to a place of greater respect and understanding.

## Julie Menadue

A survivor of breast cancer, Julie's experience has led her to assist others whose lives have been touched by the disease. She facilitates *Look Good, Feel Better* workshops for cancer patients in local hospitals and is actively involved in the SA Dragons Abreast Boat Club. Besides providing crucial support for those who have been affected by cancer, participating in Dragons Abreast assists women in their rehabilitation after surgery. Julie is also an active volunteer in the City of Playford where she has been a peer educator in the *Community Foodie* program for three years. In this role she assists families on low incomes make healthy food and nutrition choices.

## Jodi Russack

Jodi has a passionate commitment to engage and empower young people to connect with the community in the Yorke Peninsula region in her role as Youth Development Officer. She has initiated and facilitated a large number of youth events including the *All You Can Eat* Youth Arts & Culture Festival, an aerosol art workshop for local young people and National Youth Week. Jodi is also proactive as an advocate for young people at local council meetings and in organising successful workshops for high risk youth which encompass education on drug and alcohol awareness, mental health issues, sexual relationships and peer group pressure. Jodi placed the issue of homelessness on the public agenda through the initiation of the establishment of the first homeless facility on the Yorke Peninsula in 2006.

# 2008 honour roll

## Linda Allery

Active in the support, promotion and initiation of community leadership programs at a local government level in the City of Playford.

## Donna Amos

Showing exceptional leadership in the development of volunteering and volunteer management over the past decade at the Lyell McEwin Hospital and as board member with Northern Volunteering.

## Maureen Andrews

Demonstrated commitment in developing tourism and business at a regional and local level on the Limestone Coast.

## Franca Antonella OAM

A 'voice' for older Italians in South Australia as President of Comitato Assistenza Agli Italiani - CO.AS.IT [Italian Assistance Association of SA Inc] and Co-ordinator of Ethnic Link Services.

## Sue-Anne Badawee

Committed volunteer as Secretary of the Australian Druze Ladies Auxiliary and actively involved in community activities with the elderly.

## Sue Balde

Committed advocate for the aged care industry, particularly in the area of workers' rights, safety, training and welfare of older South Australians.

## Valerie Ball OAM

Active in local government as first female elected to the Strathalbyn Council, as Mayor and as Senior Executive of Local Government Association.

## Elizabeth Ballinger

Key driver in the rural community and strong advocate for business success through networking. A delegate at the 2007 Fourth World Rural Congress and 2008 Rural Woman of the Year finalist.

## Kristina Barnett

Leader, role model and mentor for women in local government since 1987. Mayor of Prospect from 2000-2006, inaugural President SA Branch of Australian Local Government Women's Association and current member of Local Government Association Women in Local Government.

## Joy Bedford

Inspirational education leader as Principal of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College at Enfield. Has established a culture of hope and optimism for students from diverse and often disadvantaged backgrounds.

## Maggie Beer

A culinary icon with a career that spans farming, food production, exporting, food writing and television presenting.

## Patsy Biscoe

Active in community service and the arts in the Barossa Valley through representation on the Barossa Council, the Brenton Langbein Theatre Management Committee and the Barossa Regional Gallery Management Committee.

## Pru Blackwell

Positive role model for women and community leader as Director of Community Services for the City of Salisbury. Strong personal vision in balancing complex community needs and commercial imperatives.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN [women's honour roll]

### Barbara Boulton

Gutsy, spirited farmer, retired nurse and dedicated volunteer on the Yacka Community Board, Yacka History Group and Yacka IT Committee.

### Emeritus Professor

#### Freda Briggs AO

International leader in multi-disciplinary research addressing issues of child abuse and child protection. Foundation Dean of the de Lissa Institute of Early Childhood Education and 2008 recipient of an Honorary PhD from the University of Sheffield for outstanding achievements in academia and pioneering in the field of child protection.

### Gloria Bristow

Consistent voice, proactive leader and committed volunteer in the area of recycling and sustainability in the Wynn Vale Community Garden.

### Sandra Kaye Brown

Positive community involvement as elected council member in the City of Onkaparinga. Active volunteer for over forty years in environment, primary industry, business and tourism, youth issues and sports.

### Wendy Campana

Positive contribution to local government as Executive Director of the Local Government Association. Responsible for steering Local Government SA through a successful Financial Sustainability Program that has now been adopted interstate.

### Diana Chessell

Writing and conducting cultural heritage walks that explore the homes and working places of iconic Adelaide women. Over 5,000 women have participated in the Barbara Hanrahan *Scent of Eucalyptus* walk in Thebarton and *Norwood's Italians since 1900* walk.

### Patricia Chigwidden

Ardent supporter of social justice and selfless community volunteer with the Carer's Association, Friends of the Unley Library, Neighbourhood Watch, Mayor's Community Safety Forum and Wheelchair Sports.

### Bronwyn Clelland

Courage and selflessness in adversity. Committed to serving the community through volunteer work with St John's Ambulance, school parents group and fundraising for a teenager cancer support group.

### Dr Liz Coates

Recognition for compassion and embracing diversity in leading a dedicated team to assist people living with HIV in the Special Needs Clinic at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

### Miriam L T Cocking

Advocate for positive change in the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community. Recipient of the National Leadership Award for Filipino Women in Australia and the State Multicultural Award in Community Service.

### Professor Barbara Comber

Contribution to the literacy learning of young people in Australia through the development of outstanding research focussed on literacy and social justice. Acting Director of the Hawke Research Institute for Sustainable Societies at the University of South Australia.

### Glenda Couch-Keen

Leadership in heritage advocacy and conservation for over forty-eight years. Life member of the National Trust of South Australia and author and publisher of *Australian Equestrian History*.

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## Teresa Crea

Dedication to arts and culture and representing the Italian community. Co-founder of Doppio Teatro in 1983, the first bilingual theatre company in Australia, current Vice President of Committee of Italians Abroad and Media Arts Fellow of the Australia Council.

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## Claudia Cream

Active involvement as a volunteer and lawyer in the Chinese community for over thirty years. Assisted in establishing the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in the 1980s and offered a free legal advisory service for Asian migrants.

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## Dr Rosemary Anne Crowley

Contribution as a positive role model for women in politics and in the community during nineteen years as Federal Labor Member and Minister in the Keating government.

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## Terri Daktyl

[1955 - 2008]

Inspirational activist and outstanding commitment as a union organiser improving the status and respect of enrolled nurses and improving conditions and wages for workers in the health and cleaning industries.

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## Ruth Dallow

Long standing community involvement as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels on a daily basis and actively involved in Uniting Church programs assisting families and the Sudanese community.

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## Diane Davies

Outstanding leader in the role of Community Development Officer for the North East Community House. Active member in the community working with volunteers and the Oakden Salvation Army.

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## Cathy Di Giacomi

Leadership, business ability and advocacy skills in supporting the Italian community as member of the Committee of Italians Abroad and Italian associations.

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## Clare Dilliway

Serving the community through innovation, commitment and determination for over twenty years as CEO of Northern Area Community and Youth Services Inc.

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## Fay Donaghy

Advocate for social justice and a role model for women in the community as a founding member of the St Peters Women's Centre and currently as Industrial Team Leader with the Australian Services Union.

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## Beverley Joyce Donaldson

Long term commitment to health and fitness for women and the elderly as founder of the SA Keep Fit Association. Volunteer team leader of Flinders Medical Centre Volunteer Service Crisis Care Team.

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## Ann Elizabeth Doolette

Inspiration to the community through commitment in a volunteer role with the Operation Flinders Foundation Inc assisting kids 'at risk'. 2005 Telstra Business Woman of the Year finalist.

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## Nicki Downer AM

Active involvement and advocate for regional arts projects through previous roles as Trustee and Chair of Country Arts SA and President at Regional Arts Australia.

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### Joan Duffield

Tireless contribution to the Port Pirie Country Women's Association in many roles including Handicraft Officer, Floriculture Officer and as alternating President for twelve years.

### Donna Dunbar

Positive contribution to local government for over twenty five years, currently as Manager Public Health and Safety at City of Charles Sturt.

### Amanda Eastham

Inspirational work with women in the community promoting health and wellbeing. Business owner and active involvement in sporting pursuits.

### Jess Eckersley

Advocate for young people through the Second Story Youth Advisory Council and assisting with emergency accommodation for young people under the Guardianship of the Minister.

### Helen Margaret Edwards

Founder and Director of the national web based counselling service Diabetes Counselling Online Inc. assisting people with diabetes and their families across Australia.

### Julienne Feast

Dedicated volunteer with St Johns and proactive role in the South East community as a counsellor with drug and alcohol services.

### Flora Fielder

Inspiration and support to women to ensure their voices are heard through the *Good Beginnings Turn Around* program at Elizabeth Grove Community Campus.

### Margie Fischer

Dedication and support to community arts as co-founder of Vitalstatistix National Women's Theatre Company in 1984 and co-artistic director of Adelaide's inaugural FEAST Lesbian and Gay Cultural Festival.

### Bronwyn Fisher

Advocate for young people with mental illness as Youth Ambassador for *Reach Out!*, Youth Advisory Member at The Second Story and as peer educator for *Amigos*.

### Shirley Foster

Support for community health and education initiatives through co-ordination and active involvement in the *Breakfast Club* and *After School Snack* programs at Elizabeth Park School.

### Professor Emerita

### Fay Gale AO

[1932 - 2008]

Leading academic, cultural geographer and passionate advocate for equal opportunity for women. Significant contribution towards creating a public understanding of the inequalities and injustices suffered by Aboriginal women.

### Irene Muriel Gale

Committed volunteer in community groups advocating human rights. Proactive in peace activism, Indigenous rights and community justice.

### Jenni Gamble

Outstanding contribution and support to sex workers for over fifteen years in both paid and volunteer roles. Empowering and assisting workers to address issues relating to health, rights and wellbeing.

## Edith Louisa Gilbert

Commitment to the City of Onkaparinga community in a volunteer role for over twenty five years. Notable contribution in the co-ordination of toys and food donations to the community at Xmas.

## Elizabeth [Betty] Gill

Role model in encouraging women's involvement in local government as elected member of the City of Salisbury for nineteen years. Represents community views at many forums for the aged and disability groups.

## Anne Glover AO

Contribution to early childhood education as Lecturer at University of South Australia and in designing and implementing training programs. Leads international education projects for disadvantaged Indigenous children in Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and East Timor.

## Fay Goldsworthy

Service to the Port Lincoln community over many years as first woman elected to the Council and inaugural director of the kindergarten for Aboriginal children. Commitment to aged care, Meals on Wheels and the Uniting Church.

## Margy Goodwin

Proactive commitment to Aboriginal families as Director of Christies Downs Kindergarten for over fifteen years and in instigating a community garden for Aboriginal women and their families. Active in supporting women victims of domestic violence to gain independence.

## Jodie Gregg-Smith

Commitment to the SA Youth Engagement Strategy and to youth services in Port Pirie through leading the Innovative Community Action Network. Addressing student retention issues in the community and promoting social inclusion.

## Promila Gupta

Active involvement in the Indian community through volunteer work in radio, education, cooking and also as member of the Women's Advisory Council to the Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

## Elizabeth Hodges

Extensive involvement in the Limestone Coast area as President of Soroptimist International and Chair of Women in Business and Regional Development.

## Sister Patricia Hogan

Tireless work within the church in the Andamooka, Roxby Downs and Woomera regions. Active community involvement and patron of the local Cancer Council.

## Nouha Jaber

Extensive volunteer work for over twelve years including role as current Chair of the South Australian Lebanese Women's Association and the Lebanese Aged Care Focus Group. Active involvement in engaging with Arabic-speaking youth and women to ensure inclusion within the community.

## Cynthia James

Active member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the United Nations Association of Australia [SA] for over forty years. Involvement in St John's Church Youth Services Board.

Lois Kathleen Jones

Commitment as life long member of the Country Women's Association, representing South Australia in Tasmania, Fiji and New Zealand. Active involvement in the Royal Adelaide Show and the Mount Barker Show and in providing support to many families.

Janet Kentish

Positive contribution to local government serving as a Councillor in Mount Gambier for ten years. Over twenty years commitment to Soroptimist International as President and Governor.

Dr Jill Kerby

Enormous contribution to the environment for over forty years in both paid and volunteer roles, including as Acting Director Communications and Engagement with the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board.

Svetlana Michelle King

Recognition of leadership skills and community involvement as a volunteer Conductor for the St Sava Serbian Orthodox choirs and ensembles, as Guide Leader and Drop-In Centre worker.

Sandra Klement

Commitment to the Wasleys community as an employee in the local Post Office for the past thirteen years and in a volunteer role with St Johns Ambulance and the local bowls club.

Wendy Koolmatrie

Active commitment to the Aboriginal community as a Narrunga woman from Point Pearce. Role model and activist in guiding and assisting women, youth and children in domestic violence situations.

Joan Kreiser OAM

Outstanding contribution to the Mannum community as former Councillor, Chair of the Hospital Board and in the field of music. Presentation of Grade and Diploma music students for examinations at Adelaide University and Trinity College London for over twenty five years.

Sarah Lance

Commitment to equipping the community with the skills, knowledge and confidence to effect change in the environment in various volunteer roles and as Biodiversity Program Leader with the SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board.

Maria Lane

Inspirational role model at the University of South Australia for over ten years encouraging Aboriginal women to enter university. Demonstrated leadership as a volunteer with Catholic Indigenous Education and on educational advisory projects.

Denise Langton

Contribution to the community through the establishment of Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc. Providing support, assistance and counselling to grandparents in a volunteer role for the past four years.

Peggy Lau Flux

Promotion of corporate governance as a member on the Royal Adelaide Hospital Board, Joanna Briggs Institute and the Australia China Council. Generous mentor and coach and active fund-raiser in support of cancer research.

Ann Christene Lawless

Inspirational community volunteer working in the areas of Indigenous rights, women's issues, health and education.

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### Hon. Anne Levy

Pioneer and inspiration as the first woman to preside in any house of Parliament in Australia. Served in the South Australian Parliament for twenty two years and became the first Minister for the Status of Women in 1992.

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### Felicity-ann Lewis

Commitment to local government as elected councillor for over ten years and as Mayor of Marion since 2000. Member of the Australian Local Government Women's Association South Australia Branch.

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### Jean Lovell

Outstanding involvement in the field of domestic violence with the Adelaide Hills Domestic Violence Action Group and commitment to education, public awareness raising and counselling.

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### Emeritus Professor Alison Mackinnon

Outstanding contribution to research, scholarship and leadership as Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. Foundation Director of the Hawke Research Institute at the University of South Australia.

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### Hazel Mader OAM

Lifetime commitment to the Nuriootpa community in local business and the arts. Distinguished career in music as a soloist and instrumentalist in the formation of the St Petri Singers, still going strong after forty two years.

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### Carolyn Joy Martin

Contribution to the community and local government as elected member of Port Adelaide Enfield Council for over ten years and in a volunteer role working with people with disabilities.

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### Lois W Masters

Active community service as a founding member and past president of the Cancer Centre Inc and as Director of Orana Singers, entertainment for elderly citizens, for over twenty five years.

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### Norma Rosalee Matters

Inspirational volunteer work in the Whyalla community in supporting grieving families in the local hospital and hospice.

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### Jenny Matthews

Tireless worker and campaigner during two terms on the Robe Council. Active community service in a volunteer role as Chair of the Skate and Recreation Park Committee, Tidy Town Co-ordinator and National Trust Member.

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### Professor Robyn McDermott

Achievements in improved primary care services to remote Indigenous communities in central and northern Australia, especially in diabetes care and the prevention of complications. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Division of Health Sciences at the University of South Australia.

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### Professor Jennifer McKay

Outstanding academic contribution towards the development of water management on a state, national and international level at the University of South Australia. Significant impact on water reform policies and an advocate for equitable community access to water.



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**Rosemary McKenzie  
Ferguson**

Advocate for injured workers through the foundation of the Work Injured Resource Connection over ten years ago. Positive contribution to the community by assisting injured workers regain their confidence, exit the WorkCover system and return to work.

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**Margaret McLean  
Evans OAM**

Leader and respected role model in local government as the longest serving Mayor in the history of local government in Australia. Mayor of Berri Barmera Council from 1975 – 2006.

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**Fiona Meade**

Contribution to primary violence prevention strategies as Women's Health Worker for over eight years in the Adelaide Hills community. Project Manager and leadership role in the *Inside Out Violence Prevention Program*.

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**Katharine Micka**

Active involvement and leadership in the Coober Pedy community through assisting the organisation of the Opal Festival, as a member of the Retail Business Association and of the governing school council.

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**Beryl Miller**

Proactive involvement in raising the issues of social justice and equality for women as leader of the Union of Australian Women. Long-time advocate for nuclear disarmament and world peace.

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**Louise  
Woodman-Gentles Miller**

Leading unionist campaigning for equal rights since the 1960s including active roles in the Public Service Association and the Australian Education Union. Current Life Member of the Industrial Relations Society of Australia and the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History.

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**Kathleen Milligan OAM**

Loyal and dedicated work with the Returned & Services League [RSL] of Australia, SA Branch Inc for over twenty five years in both a paid and volunteer role.

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**Associate Professor  
Julie Mills**

Co-founder of South Australian Women in Engineering Group and member the South Australian Women's Advisory Council. Awarded the Carrick Citation for outstanding contributions to student equity and diversity in 2006. Associate Professor in Civil Engineering at the University of South Australia.

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**Brenda F Nettle OAM**

Outstanding contribution to Neighbourhood Watch Programs, the Australian Federation of University Women of SA, Business and Professional Women Association, Legacy, National Seniors Association and the Safety House Program.

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**Jan Patterson**

Tireless volunteer work with the Country Women's Association for over thirty years in Streaky Bay. Active involvement in the Streaky Bay National Trust Museum and Probus.

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## Susanne Pengilly

Commitment to the local Roseworthy community through involvement in the tennis club, netball club and as an active member of the local primary school community. Current member of the CFS as a fire fighter.

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## Antoinetta Perrotta

Active volunteer in the Italian community for over twenty years as founder of the Unley MENSA group, an Italian Pensioners Group promoting friendship and common interests.

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## Elaine Joyce Pollock

Driving force behind the establishment of the *Stand Like Stone Foundation*, an organisation to support community initiatives. Coordinated the Women in Business and Regional Development in the Limestone Coast area in 1998.

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## Sophia Provatidis

Leadership role in the opal industry in Cooper Pedy as an entrepreneur creating the \$500,000 Australian Opal Dress that is on permanent loan to the SA Museum. Active in the promotion of safety in the industry as Manager of the Safety in Opal Mining Project.

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## Lois Ramage

Commitment to older members of the Returned & Services League [RSL], specifically the Ladies Auxiliary which plays a vital role in co-ordinating ANZAC day commemorations and social functions for members.

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## Lynette Reichstein

Contribution to local government as elected member of the Light Regional Council and active involvement in a number of committees including the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Performance Evaluation Review Committee.

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## Margaret-Anne Rigney

Exceptional role model for young Aboriginal people. Winner of the 2006 NAIDOC Youth of the Year Award and 2007 runner-up Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year - SA State Training Awards.

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## Karyn Roberts

Contribution to community pride in Mount Gambier as a successful business woman and volunteer in the arts for the past ten years in creating and sustaining the school jazz music festival.

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## Marilyn Rolls

Dedicated advocate for women and commitment to the community as Director of the St Peter's Women's Centre. Extensive volunteer work to ensure the continued existence of the centre as a vital space for women.

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## Suzi Roux

Demonstrated passion and commitment to advance the opportunities for women through her role as inaugural member of the Premier's Council for Women in 2002 and in her role as Chair of the Council from 2005-2007.

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## Dr Pamela Ryan

Promoting social cohesion through the establishment of Issues Deliberation Australia / America, a non-partisan, public policy, psychological think tank.

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## Teresa Sandona

Passionate role as Respite and Care Support Co-ordinator with the Tea Tree Gully Council organising quality programs for carers within the community and establishing a new group for special needs children.



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**Professor**

**Wendy Schiller OAM**

Director of the de Lissa Research Institute of Early Childhood and Family Studies at the University of South Australia, specifically in the area of collaborative arts education for children.

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**Sister Lavinus**

**Monica Schneider**

Commitment to pastoral and spiritual care as an active member and volunteer in the Catholic Parish at Dulwich and Burnside. Prior involvement on a state and international level in the health sphere as a Registered Nurse and Midwife.

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**Pam Simmons**

Unwavering commitment to social justice and a strong advocate for young people as Guardian for Children and Young People. Voluntary role as SA Divisional Representative on the Australian Red Cross Board.

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**Wendy Sinnott**

Outstanding leadership in assisting Sudanese refugee women and engaging other women volunteers in a culturally sensitive environment. Instrumental in breaking down barriers for both communities.

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**Pamela Skurray**

Promotion of awareness and knowledge of South Australian history as the first woman President of the Pioneer Association of South Australia since its formation in 1935.

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**Associate Professor Jill Slay**

Leading scientific researcher in forensic computing. Development of software and hardware solutions to real-life issues in collaboration with police and government. Researcher at Defence and Systems Institute at the University of South Australia.

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**Julie Sloan**

Commitment on a national level to strategic workforce planning in Australia as a volunteer with Standards Australia – Human Resources and Employment Committee. Principal author of the first Standards Australia Guidelines on Workforce Planning.

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**Miriam Smith**

Contribution to the community and local government as current Mayor of City of Tea Tree Gully and member of the Local Government Association Executive.

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**Dr Pamela Smith**

Active involvement with the City of Mitcham community over many years through the Blackwood, Belair and Districts Community Association, the City of Mitcham Heritage Committee and the Adelaide Hills Face Zone Cultural Heritage Project.

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**Rosney Snell**

Outstanding contribution to the community as CEO of Nunga Mi:Minar Inc, a domestic violence service for Aboriginal women and children and as Secretary Treasurer for the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement.

## Maxine Janice Spencer

Leadership in the area of banking management as a specialised adviser providing high level analysis and evaluation in the role as National Australia Bank Regional Portfolio Manager. Active community involvement in assisting visiting international exchange students.

## Helen Stock

Contribution to the community as founding Chair of Women in Business and Regional Development, Chair of Wool Innovation and Executive Member of Limestone Coast Area Consultative Committee.

## Leann Symonds

Committed to engaging with the community through establishing programs for parents and caregivers and also support groups for women through the Fleurieu Families – Parenting Connections.

## Ann Taylor

Outstanding volunteer role for twenty years with the Lyell McEwan Regional Volunteer Association as President, Board Member and Treasurer. Author of the history of volunteering at the Lyell McEwan Hospital.

## Maude Tongerie AM

Aboriginal rights activist for over fifty years. Foundation member and vice president of the Council for Aboriginal Women in South Australia from 1962-1981 and active on numerous boards and committees including the Aboriginal Elders Village.

## Djurdjica ‘Gina’ Traljic

Commitment to the Serbian and Montenegro community as a counsellor, Justice of the Peace and interpreter. Active community involvement in creating community social events such as dinner dances, weekly lunches and film evenings.

## Jan Trengove

Involvement in assisting women in a leadership role as a Member and Elder of the local Ministry Team in the Uniting Church in Spalding. First lay female to hold the position of Uniting Church Moderator in South Australia.

## Barbara Turner

Inaugural administrator of the Clovelly Park Community Health Centre, a role held for twenty years. Continued passionate community volunteer in retirement.

## Milenka Vasekova-Safralidis

Continuous contribution in advocating for social justice and lobbying for equity of services for disadvantaged women, especially victims of domestic violence from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds.

## Dr Lucie Walters

Tireless contribution to create a regional teaching facility in Mount Gambier with doctors from Flinders University.

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**Mary Jane Ware**

Positive contribution to the Port Lincoln community and positive role model for younger Aboriginal people. Awarded the 2005 Elder of the Year NAIDOC Award and the first Aboriginal person to be elected to the Port Lincoln Council.

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**Allayne Webster**

Promotion of social justice through the writing and successful publication of a teenage fiction novel *Our Little Secret* that explores rape and the devastating effects of sexual abuse.

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**Raelene Jean Welfare**

Excellent educational role model for young women as President of the Association of Neurophysiological Technologists of Australia Inc and the Organisation of Societies for Electrophysiological Technologies.

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**Irene Whennan**

Active involvement in local government as Ward Councillor in the City of Marion for ten years. Community role as volunteer with the Dog and Cat Management Board, Vice Chair Warradale Meals on Wheels and Deputy Chair of the Murray Darling Association Region 7.

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**Valerie White**

Compassionate and enthusiastic involvement as a volunteer for over thirteen years with the Community Visitors Scheme in Aged Care Facilities in the City of Unley.

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**Jo Wickes**

Outstanding commitment to homeless and marginalised people as Chair of HomelessnessSA and as Manager of the Magdalene Centre. Empowering women to become involved in social enterprise through the establishment of *The Big Issue* in Adelaide in 2002.

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**Sally Williams**

Active involvement as a volunteer establishing a Herbarium at Coffin Bay National Park for the Friends of Coffin Bay Parks. Over the past ten years 457 species have been confirmed [by the State Herbarium], catalogued and filed.

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**Nancy Withers**

Diverse involvement in the Limestone Coast region as leading Australian kelpie dog breeder and author, Chair of Focus on Youth, founding Director of the Foundation for Agriculture Australian Women and past Rural Woman of the Year.

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**Heather Wright**

Contribution to local government as Elected Member of Walkerville Council since 2004 and active role in the community through Neighbourhood Watch, WatchSA Advisory Board, Cancer Council Daffodil Day and Walkerville Historical Society and National Trust.

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**Affof Zahr**

Tireless work as co-ordinator of the Australian Druze Ladies Auxiliary and as Carer Ambassador with Carers SA. Instrumental in forming an Arabic Speaking Support Group through the South Australian Lebanese Women's Association.

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Office for Women acknowledges that we are on Kurna land and pay respect to the traditional owners of this land.

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For further information on the contribution made by women in South Australia:

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