



BPW Adelaide

1952-2018

BPW Adelaide advocates for women and develops leadership through building women's competence, capacity and confidence in their personal and professional arenas



BPW Adelaide turned over 65 in 2017

BPW Australia turned 70 in 2017





BPW Australia Aims

To unite business, professional and other working women across Australia



BPW Australia Aims

1. To work for women's:

- economic independence
- equal opportunity and representation in economic, civil and political life



BPW Australia Aims

2. To encourage and support women and girls to:

- develop their professional and leadership potential
- undertake lifelong education and training
- use their abilities for the benefit of others, locally, nationally and internationally



BPW Australia Aims

3. To advocate:

- for the elimination of all discrimination against women
- for human rights and the use of gender-sensitive perspectives



BPW Australia Aims

4. To undertake:

- national and international networking and co-operation
- non-profit projects that help women gain economic independence
- to present the views of Australian women to BPW International, responsible Australian authorities, governments, business and civil society



BPW History

Founder: Lena Madesin Phillips

Make no small plans - they have no power to stir the blood

Without economic security there can be no independence for women



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BPW History

1919

BPW
established
in USA

1925

First BPW
club in
Australia

1930

BPW
International
formed

1931

BPWI HQ
established
in NY

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BPW History

1946

First BPWI
congress in
Brussels

1947

BPW
Australia
formed

1952

BPW
Adelaide
established

2017

BPWI in
100
countries

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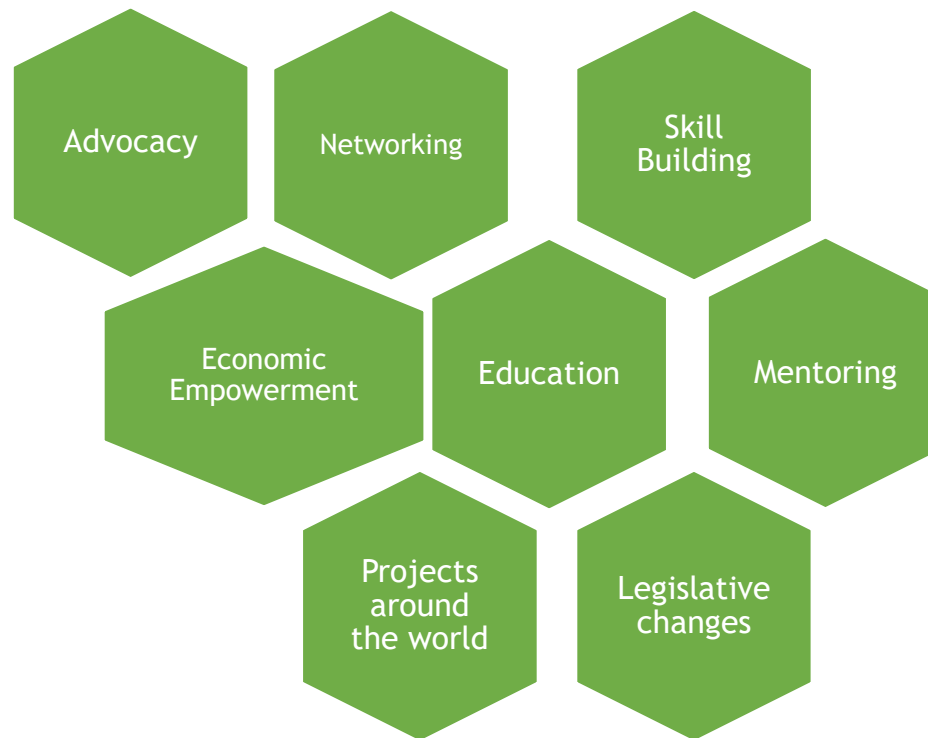
BPW International

BPW International works for global gender equality in power and decision-making through our advocacy and UN participation

BPW develops the business, professional and leadership potential of women through our advocacy, mentoring, networking, skill building and economic empowerment programs and projects around the world

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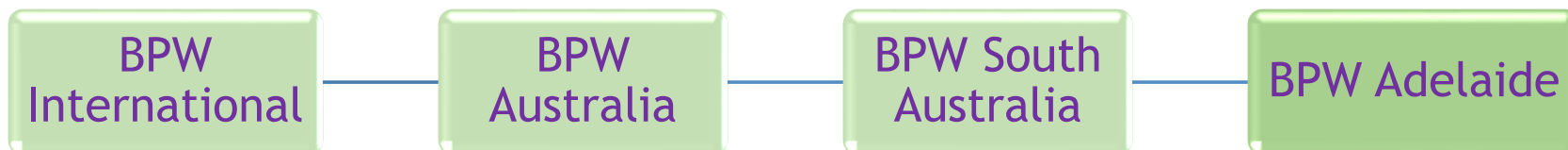
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BPW's international structure



BPW members are members of BPW Australia and BPW International

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BPW International

Goals

To obtain for women:

- equality
- education
- economic empowerment
- personal development
- political awareness

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BPW International

- takes action to achieve **women's equality** in social, economic, community and political terms
- represents the voice of women in around 100 countries
- has full Consultative Status at the United Nations

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BPW International also has

Category 1 Consultative Status with ECOSOC, the United Nations Economic and Social Council

Consultative Status with

- UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
- the Board of the United Nations Children's Fund
- the International Labour Office
- the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
- and the World Health Organisation

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BPW International works closely with

- the Commission on Human Rights
- the Commission on the Status of Women
- the Food and Agriculture Organisation
- the International Fund for Agricultural Development
- the Council of Europe
- and other specialised agencies

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BPW International has accredited BPW representatives attending meetings at

- UN Headquarters in New York, Vienna, Geneva
- UN regional offices (UNECA, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNESCWA, UNECLAC)
- UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO, WHO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, FAO, UN DPI
- Council of Europe and the European Women's Lobby

Our representatives convey BPW's advocacy positions to these bodies and report back to members and to the BPWI Congress

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BPW Values

BPW Australia is a non-profit organisation for women, with voluntary membership and leadership

Our procedures are democratic and inclusive of all members, and our actions honour our history and protect our reputation

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BPW members value:

- equity and justice, building harmony, applying rules fairly to everyone
- honesty and integrity, being professional, meeting our obligations and taking responsibility
- transparency and accountability, building trust, making decisions based upon facts
- kindness and respect, being inclusive, acknowledging and respecting our differences
- teamwork and cooperation, encouraging discussion and debate but seeking agreement

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BPW Values

These BPW values guide actions and decision-making by BPW International, BPW Affiliates and all BPW committees

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BPW Australia

Our Purpose

BPW Australia takes action for women's equality - at work, on boards, in leadership

Our Mission

BPW: supports and actively promotes personal development; provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experience; and lobbies on issues affecting women

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Women working together

Our advocacy, projects, programs and partnerships focus on issues that affect women and workplaces such as:

- pay inequity
- paid parental leave
- accessible and affordable childcare
- support for women's refuges
- domestic violence

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Membership

BPW Australia welcomes as members women in paid and voluntary work, including women who used to work and women who aspire to work

BPW membership includes employers and employees, corporate women and small business women, women in professions and trades, and from the non-profit and government sectors

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- is consulted by the Federal Government, and by many national corporations and industries, on policies and laws which impact on women
- is represented on many consultative bodies at a national level including COSBOA (the Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia) and the Micro-Business Consultative Council



Council of Small Business
of Australia

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BPW Australia

- leads one of the four women's secretariats, each of which is a national consortium of women's organisations established to represent women's views to the national government
- **economic Security for Women** (eS4W) conducts research into women's financial independence

economic
S4W Lifelong
Economic
Wellbeing
for Women

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- has been invited to join Australian government delegations to international UN and APEC meetings
- represents Australian women in the BPW International delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women



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BPW Adelaide

Established 1952, still going strong

Fostered BPW clubs around South Australia

Has a long history of effective advocacy, community leadership and representing working women

Members have served BPW at state, national and international levels

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Dame Nancy Buttfield DBE

In 1952 Mrs H Kennedy established BPW Adelaide, then called the Business and Professional Women's Club of Adelaide

In 1954, Nancy Buttfield was elected Club President at the first Annual General Meeting; she was subsequently elected to Parliament

In 1972 she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE)

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**BPW Adelaide Members
awarded
National Australia Day Honours**

Heather Southcott AM

Sheila Evans OAM

Glenys Jones OAM



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BPW Adelaide Members recognised on the SA Women's Honour Roll

Julie Menadue 2008

Heather Southcott AM 2013

Sheila Evans OAM 2015

Gillian Lewis 2015



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**BPW Adelaide Members recognised
with the
SA Women hold up Half the Sky Award**

Katrine Hildyard 2012

Katrine was recognised for her work on the Australian Services Union's community sector equal pay campaign

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BPW Adelaide Members elected to the Australian Parliament

Senator Dame Nancy Buttfield DBE

In 1995, Nancy became the first woman to serve as a South Australian Senator

In 1972 she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE)

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BPW Adelaide Members elected to the South Australian Parliament

Heather Southcott AM

elected representative for Mitcham in
1982

as National Leader of the Australian
Democrats, was the first woman in
South Australia to lead a political party

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BPW Adelaide Members elected to the South Australian Parliament

The Hon Michelle Lensink MLC

elected to the Legislative Council in 2003

Minister for Human Services, Minister for
the Status of Women and Deputy Liberal
Leader in the Legislative Council

and a continuing member of BPW Adelaide

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BPW Adelaide Members elected to the South Australian Parliament

Dr Trish White MP

elected representative for Taylor in
1994

served for 16 years

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BPW Adelaide Members elected to the South Australian Parliament

Katrine Hildyard MP

Katrine Hildyard MP was elected Member for Reynell in the South Australian Parliament in 2014



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BPW Adelaide Members standing for election to the South Australian Parliament

Angela Vaughan

Angela was a candidate for Colton in
the 2018 state election

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BPW Adelaide Members currently serving on Local Councils

Yvonne Todd

Yvonne was elected councillor for Babbage Ward in the City of Mitcham in 2015 and is restanding in 2018

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BPW Campaigns

Pay equity: Equal Pay Campaign

BPW Adelaide conducts annual events to mark Equal Pay Day

www.equalpayday.com



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BPW Campaigns

White Ribbon Campaign



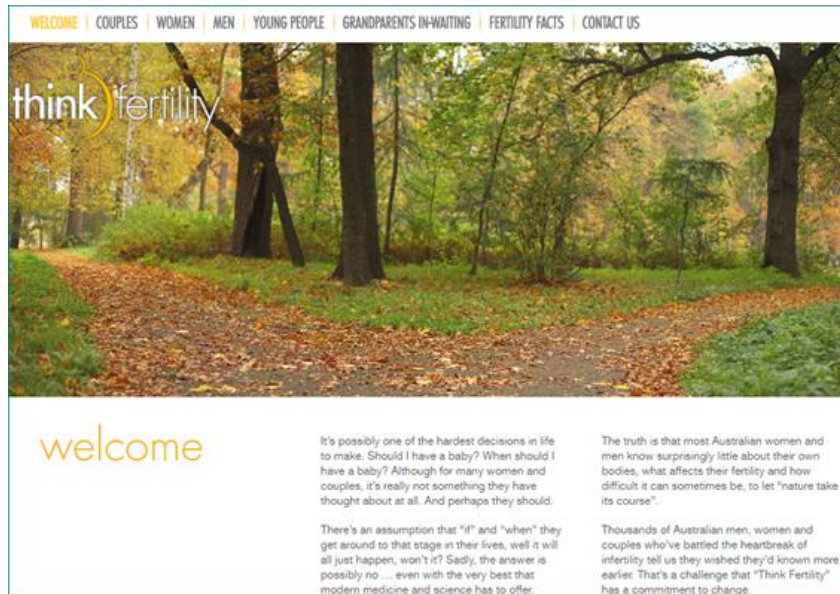
BPW Adelaide member Gillian Lewis founded the White Ribbon Breakfast Committee in 2008 by bringing women's organisations together to advocate against DV

Gillian has been Co-convenor of the Committee since the first breakfast, and Sheila Evans OAM was a dedicated member of the Committee

Gillian and Sheila were recognised by inclusion on the SA Women's Honour Roll in 2015

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Other BPW Campaigns



Paid Parental Leave: Paid Maternity Leave Campaign, became a Paid Parental Leave Campaign in 2009

Decriminalisation of Sex Work: advocacy for the bill

Delayed fertility: ThinkFertility Website developed by BPW Adelaide

Mentorship: I need Mentors booklet and tool kit led by BPW Adelaide

Work and family balance: Snakes and Ladders, working with OFW

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BPW Australia Conferences hosted in Adelaide

National Conferences hosted by BPW Adelaide:

1957, 1972, 2000

National Policy Summits hosted by BPW Adelaide:

2011, 2015

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BPW Australia Conferences attended by BPW Adelaide

BPW Adelaide sends a voting
delegation of members to each
BPW Australia National
Conference

BPW Adelaide members are active
participants



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BPW Australia Conferences attended by BPW Adelaide

Tracey Masing from PNG:
BPW Adelaide sponsored our
mentee member to attend the
2013 National Conference



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BPW International Congresses attended by BPW Adelaide members

BPW Adelaide members have been
BPW Australia voting delegates at
BPW International Congresses

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BPW International Congresses attended by BPW Adelaide members

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International Congresses

2002 Melbourne

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BPW International Congresses attended by BPW Adelaide members

BPW Adelaide mentee Violet Buckskin was declared our Artist in Residence for the 2002 BPW International Congress

Violet's artwork formed the backdrop to the Congress

2002 Melbourne



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BPW International Congresses attended by BPW Adelaide members

BPW Adelaide mentee Violet
Buckskin with BPW Adelaide Young
BPWs Kerryl Murray McGlennon
and Alison Findlay

2002 Melbourne

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BPW Adelaide members
have attended the
**Commission on the Status
of Women in New York**



BPW International holds
international panel
presentations and
celebratory events
concurrently with CSW

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BPW Adelaide members have visited the United Nations in Geneva

BPW International has official
representation on many UN
commissions and agencies

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BPW Adelaide Presidents 1952-2017

H Kennedy	1952-1954	M Young	1966-1967
Nancy Buttfield	1954-1955	T Segerlind	1967-1969
E Campbell	1955-1957	G McNair	1969-1971
T Mills	1957-1959	M Kyd	1971-1973
F Gallagher	1959-1961	B Jarvis	1973-1974
I Hembrow, M North	1961-1962	Mary Kyd, B Jarvis	1974-1975
C Murphy	1962-1963	I Wall	1975-1976
J Richardson	1963-1964	Pat St.Clair	1976-1978
A Taylor	1964-1966	E Kelly	1978-1979

BPW Adelaide Presidents 1952-2017

Mary Kyd	1979-1980	Denise Rieniets	2003 -2005
Recess	1981	Kerryl Murray	2006-2010
Brenda Nettle	1982-1984	Louise Sparks	2010-2011
Filomeno Bruno-Joseph	1985-1989	Gillian Lewis	2011-2012
Heather Southcott AM	1990-1993	Helena Marich	2012-2013
Jean Murray	1993-1995	Heather Anderson	2013-2014
Perla Soberon-Brittle	1995-1998	Jean Murray	2014-2015
Gillian Lewis	1998-2001	Perla Soberon-Brittle	2015-2016
Tina Nicholls	2001-2002	Angela Vaughan	2016-2018

Angela Vaughan Current President of BPW Adelaide



Angela is a teacher, community worker and parent of three young adults

Her vision for BPW Adelaide is to stand on the shoulders of those who go before us and continue to build a club that has the capacity, networking structures and enthusiasm to create positive social change for all

Her aspiration is to foster the recognition of our power within our community to: support, work, advocate and undertake social reform for all women inclusive of our first Australians, multicultural groups and women of diverse needs

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Dr Jean Murray
BPW Adelaide Club Secretary and Past President

Jean has served as BPW Adelaide President, BPW South Australia Representative on the BPW Australia Board, Vice President Policy and Executive Secretary of BPW Australia, and Executive Secretary of BPW International

Jean is an Adjunct Academic at the College of Medicine, Flinders University, and works with the Gender Consortium on their women's empowerment programs

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Gillian Lewis
**BPW Adelaide Communications Officer
and Past President**

Gillian has served as BPW Adelaide President and BPW South Australia Representative on the BPW Australia Board

Gillian is a Senior Policy Adviser to SA Health

Gillian has been a Board member of Playgroup SA since 2008 and its President since 2012, and was a finalist for the BPW Australia Jean Arnot Award in 2013

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Kerryl Murray McGlennon
BPW Adelaide Treasurer and Past President

Kerryl has served on the club and state Executives and as the SA representative on the BPW Australia Board

She has represented BPW Australia at 4 International Congresses as a delegate, workshop presenter and volunteer

Kerryl is a Graduate Accountant in the public sector, after studying for a career change, and has been a regular writer for an international widows' blog

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Dr Sandy Bradley
BPW Adelaide Advocacy Officer

Sandy is a registered nurse with several tertiary and post-graduate degrees

Sandy thrives on research and education; her specialty area is aged and end of life care and the choices women make

Sandy wouldn't be where she is today without the belief, strength and commitment of many female mentors, including those at BPW

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Judy Halleday BPW Adelaide Membership Officer

Judy was a long term member of BPW Adelaide Hills and a mentor for BPW Heysen

A member of BPW for 18 years and a state finalist of the Telstra Businesswomen's Awards in 2002, Judy has attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York

Judy owned ran her own company for 20 years, providing community services for persons with disabilities, age care and families

She has served on many NGOs Boards and committees, representing them at international conferences

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Sheila Evans JP OAM (deceased)
BPW Adelaide Past President

Sheila has served as BPW Adelaide President, BPW South Australia Representative on the BPW Australia Board, National Director of Membership and Executive Secretary of BPW Australia, and Coordinator of Committees for BPW International

Sheila was awarded an OAM in 2003 for her community service in developing support services for women, advocating for women prisoners and raising awareness of social justice issues; she died in July 2018

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Perla Soberon Brittle
BPW Adelaide Past President

Perla has previously served as BPW Adelaide President and BPW South Australia Representative on the BPW Australia Board, and as the National Director of Membership of BPW Australia

Perla is a Fellow of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers Australia, a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and serves on several community boards

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Yvonne Todd
Longterm member of BPW Adelaide

Yvonne is a local councillor in the City of Mitcham and is active in disability advocacy

Yvonne served as Vice President Policy for BPW Australia 2004-2007 and as BPW Australia's Representative on the Economic Security for Women National Alliance in 2003

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Lila Loielo
Member of BPW Adelaide

Lila is a new Young BPW member

Lila has just completed her Honours in Psychology

She plans to spread her wings and hopes to gain employment in the corporate world in London

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Stefania Volpe Hocesvar
Member of BPW Adelaide

Stefania is a new member of BPW Adelaide

Stefania is an educator for students with special needs

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Verena Colby
Member of BPW Adelaide



Verena is a new member of BPW Adelaide

Verena has special interests in helping young women living with disabilities in rural and remote areas and the LGBTQI community to build capacity and increase resilience

Her background in rehabilitation and health services management has helped to start new programs and to support others that provide support to families and children

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Ethel Osazuwa
Member of BPW Adelaide

Ethel is a member of BPW Adelaide

Ethel is a young professional with international experience and interests in social policy and community development

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Mariam Hii
Member of BPW Adelaide

Mariam is passionate about social justice; from a corporate background, she became a community development professional in the non-profit sector

Mariam has managed DV projects internationally and in Australia, with a focus on CALD communities

She is a Committee Member of the Social Impact Measurement Network Australia, SA Chapter and a White Ribbon Advocate for SA

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Elise Thomson
Member of BPW Adelaide

Elise is a solicitor primarily practicing in Family Law, Wills and Estates and Conveyancing; she is located in Port Adelaide but also services the southern, eastern and CBD areas

Elise has a business, accounting and resources sector background and is an avid scuba diver in her spare time

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Viv Hazel Streeter Member of BPW Adelaide

Viv transferred to BPW Adelaide from BPW Adelaide Hills and has contributed to the work of BPW at national and international levels

Viv was recognised by BPW International at the BPW International Congress in Jeju, Korea in 2013

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Alison Collins
Member of BPW Adelaide

Alison is a new member of BPW Adelaide

Alison works in government communications and has qualifications in Law and International Studies

Alison has interests in social justice and leadership development

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Heather Jensen Member of BPW Adelaide

Heather is director and Financial Planner with Carrington Financial Services SA Pty Ltd

She has been working in the financial services industry for over 30 years starting as an Accountant working for Chartered Accounting firms and in the corporate world and moving to Financial Planning 15 years ago

Her passion is to assist women become financially independent

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BPW Adelaide Hills and BPW Heysen

BPW Adelaide Hills was established in 1995 and closed in 2017

BPW Heysen was established in 2016 and chartered in 2017; it closed in 2018

Some BPW Adelaide Hills and BPW Heysen members transferred to BPW Adelaide when their club closed

BPW Adelaide Hills won funding for a **Crime and Community Safety SA grant** in 2011-12 to provide a series of local school workshops on prevention of cyberbullying, in conjunction with Carly Ryan Foundation CEO Sonya Ryan

Sonya Ryan was a keynote speaker at the BPW Australia Conference in New South Wales in 2013

BPW South Australia State Representatives

Pt Lincoln	Jenny Chillingworth	1985-1988
Pt Lincoln	Fay Goldsworthy	1988-1992
Adelaide Hills	Coralie Pridmore	1992-1996
Adelaide	Jean Murray	1996-1999
Adelaide Hills	Sheila Evans	1999-2002
Adelaide	Gillian Lewis	2002-2007

Adelaide Hills	Valerie Bonython	2007-2010
Adelaide	Perla Soberon Brittle	2010-2013
Adelaide	Kerryl Murray McGlennon	2013-2015
Adelaide	Sunita Miranda	2016
Adelaide	Jean Murray	2018



Dr Jean Murray
BPW Adelaide Club Secretary

Jean received the Jean Arnot Award, BPW Australia's highest accolade, at the 2016 BPW Australia National Conference

Jean served on the SA Government Women's Advisory Council 1997-2001 and as a Trustee on the SA Women's Trust 2003-2008

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What world do
you want to
shape?



Take action for
women's equality

Join us on the first Wednesday of
each month:
Office for Women
101 Grenfell St Adelaide
5.30 pm-6.30 pm
Followed by dinner and lively
discussions in a nearby restaurant

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Strong roots and
new directions.
Help us grow!

**TOGETHER WE ARE THE
CHANGE WE SEEK!**



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