

PROJECTS

(Continued)

International Women's Day Celebrations

Every year the women's committee records Multilingual announcements for International Women's Day.

Women's Survey

A survey of ethnic women broadcasters by the NEMBC Women's Committee was presented to the NEMBC Annual General Meeting in November 1997. The results are available from the women's page on the NEMBC website.

The purpose of the survey was to find out:

- What women are doing within their programming groups and stations
- What issues are of interest and concern to women
- What women feel could be done to assist them

FUTURE

The Women's committee in line with its charter aims to:

- Develop an interactive website as a platform for information dissemination, sharing resources, programs and cultural exchange.
- Research projects with a focus on emerging and refugee communities.
- Continue to explore training opportunities for women.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

This is an invitation to women of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to encourage their participation in policy development.

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THE NEMBC WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



HISTORY

The NEMBC Women's Committee was established to investigate and make recommendations about women's participation and concerns in ethnic community broadcasting to the NEMBC Executive. The concept of forming a Women's Committee was an initiative of the 1995 NEMBC National Conference.

For many years, both attendance and participation of women at the NEMBC National Conferences had been overshadowed by men.

Since the establishment of the NEMBC Women's Committee, there has been a marked increase in women attending these conferences and also participation in broadcasting at their local stations.

CONVENORS

1995 – 1997 **Fay Johnson**

1997 – 1999 **Theresa Grima**

1999 – 2001 **Brenda Degenhart**

2001 – 2003 **Karina Ceron**

2003 – 2007 **Judith Ventic**

2007 – 2009 **Dana Popovich**

2009 – **Joelle Vandermensbrughe**

CHARTER

1. Educate and empower women
2. Promote active participation of women
3. Encourage and support women broadcasters
4. Initiate projects to enrich and educate communities
5. Provide up to date resources
6. Share life experiences and information
7. Respect and value women's experiences
8. Improve the quality of training of broadcasters
9. Raise awareness of culturally sensitive needs
10. Participation in policy development

MISSION STATEMENT

The NEMBC Women's Committee encourages active participation of women broadcasters in education and informing communities on culturally diverse issues, and recommends the involvement of women in decision-making.

PROJECTS

The Women's Committee aims to encourage and engage women broadcasters in projects to enrich and empower them in their own communities and beyond.

Some of the projects include:

Outstanding Women's CD

Ten years after its inception, the Women's Committee decided to publicise the stories of six outstanding migrant and refugee women in 2006.

The result is a CD of interviews recorded with women from culturally and professionally diverse backgrounds, sharing their successes and many challenges, stemming from their experiences of migration. Completed with the support of the NEMBC Women's Committee, the CD was sponsored by 6EBA 95.3fm in Perth and World Radio in Tasmania.

The stories display remarkable journeys of resilience, courage, determination and celebration of the human spirit. The interviews are recorded in English and are welcome to be played on any radio program.

Interviews can be downloaded from the NEMBC women's committee page.

Migrant Women in the Workforce

A oral history series of ten programs on a double CD was conceived by the committee to promote the contribution of migrant women to the Australian workforce and to raise the profile of migrant women broadcasters working in community media.

The CDs were produced by migrant women community broadcasters, telling of jobs on the factory floor, industrial action, the experience of coming to a new country, learning a new language and the struggle for recognition of overseas qualifications and experience.

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