National Rural Women's Coalition

Annual Report
2017 – 2018

The Coalition is comprised of the following:

1. MEMBER ORGANISATIONS –

Australian Local Government Women's Association

With branches in every state and territory in Australia, the national board is a collaborative body comprised of membership from each of the state branches, and seeks to strengthen networking, mentoring and innovative opportunities that encourage and support women in local government.

The aim of the Australian Local Government Women's Association is to:

- Assist in furthering women's knowledge and understanding of the functions of Local Government
- Encourage women to participate in Local Government
- Encourage women to make a career from Local Government
- Protect the interests and rights of women in Local Government
- Take action in relation to any subject or activity affecting Local Government and Local Government legislation
- Act in an advisory capacity to intending women candidates for Local Government elections

Australian Women in Agriculture

Australian Women in Agriculture is Australia's peak not-for-profit, voluntary organisation for agricultural women.

Australian Women in Agriculture exists to ensure that agricultural women have the capacity, confidence and channel to be able to have their voice heard, from the dining table to the boardroom table to the political table.

Members are part of a recognised and dedicated national network involved in the development of Australian primary production, rural industries and communities.

AWiA membership reflects all those involved and interested in a positive future for Australian agriculture. They come from all states and represent the diversity of agricultural Australia, including farmers, researchers, scientists, educators, students, consultants and service providers.

AWiA is focused on connecting Australia's agricultural women and providing the means for their participation at all levels of decision making.

Country Women's Association of Australia

The Country Women's Association of Australia is the largest women's organisation in Australia and aims to improve conditions for country women and children and try to make life better for women and their families, especially those living in rural and remote Australia. We reach that aim in various ways including lobbying for change, helping the local community, creating a network of support and meeting together in towns and cities.

National Rural Health Alliance

The National Rural Health Alliance is comprised of 38 national organisations. We are committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the 7 million people in rural and remote Australia. Our members include consumer groups (such as the Country Women's Association of Australia), representation from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector, health professional organisations (representing doctors, nurses and midwives, allied health professionals, dentists, pharmacists, optometrists, paramedics, health students, chiropractors and health service managers) and service providers (such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service).

Its large and diverse membership gives the NRHA a broad and authentic view of the interests of the people of rural and remote Australia. It works with a range of stakeholders to improve the health and wellbeing of those people by developing well-targeted, cost-effective, evidence-based solutions. The NRHA is a rich source of credible information and expertise, and stands ready to work with Government and Opposition on responses to current and emerging rural health issues.

Women's Industry Network – Seafood Community

The Women's Industry Network (WIN) was formed in 1996 by a group of women fishing in South Australia. In 1998 The Women's Industry Network Seafood Community (WINSC) developed into a National body with organisations in each state.

WINSC is the only national organisation in Australia that represents women in the Seafood Industry. It is a unique network that covers the tough, high-tech world of commercial fishing, the cutting edge aquaculture, research and processing sectors along with policy and resource management.

2. INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS REPRESENTING –

A diverse range of rural, regional and remote women, groups and communities including:

1. First Nation women and girls
2. Immigrants and refugees
3. Social entrepreneurship
4. Women and girls leadership
5. National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN), Canberra

National Rural Women's Coalition

We are a powerful network of diverse women who work to improve the lives of rural women.

We work to provide a powerful collaborative national voice for women living in rural, regional and remote (RRR) Australia.

We value respect, innovation, professionalism and empowerment.

Our objectives are to:

1) **represent the diverse views of women in rural, remote and regional Australia;**
2) **provide advice to the Australian Government on policy issues relevant to the views and circumstances of rural women; and**
3) **contribute to building a positive profile of rural women, their achievements and issues.**

In 2017/2018 we received funding from the Office for Women, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Mission

To provide a network that empowers RRR women to have a voice, gain education and leadership opportunities, and to take action on issues to improve the lives of women and girls in RRR Australia, in partnership with our member organisations and stakeholders.

Vision

The National Rural Women's Coalition is a powerful network of diverse women working to improve the lives of RRR women.

Core values

The values which underpin the work of the NRWC are:

Diversity: Including all women and girls, and accepting all

Empowerment: Educating and informing women and girls, and encouraging them to take hold of education, career and leadership opportunities

Equality: Treating all people with dignity, in accordance with their human rights

Innovation: Challenging and improving ideas, and creating opportunities

Participation: Encouraging involvement and inclusiveness and providing freedom of opinion and expression

Professionalism: Acting with integrity, tranparency and excellence

Respect: Accepting and showing commitment to diverse views, backgrounds and skillsets

Company Secretary's Report

It is my pleasure to deliver the 2017/18 Company Secretary's report for the National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC)in what has been, I believe a year where the NRWC exceeded expectatiosn in delivering programs and working towards improved outcomes for rural women and girls living and working in rural areas across Australia and internationally.

The board has worked to manage a heavy workload of programs and national and international engagement including attending the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018.

Policies and procedures within the organisation have commenced a program of continuous improvement with a major amount of work and expertise contributed by Rechelle Leahy. All directors on the board have contributed to development and improvement of policies as required.

The NRWC excels by using the strengths of its members and its board thereby ensuring the success of programs and in raising the profile of the organisation/company across rural regions, at State, National and now an International level.

The strength among my fellow executive members – Alwyn, Dorothy and Leonie can not be understated, as the organisation has continued to function and excel despite the many challenges place in front of us all as life often does. Without the collective enthusiasm, expertise and at times true determination, we all would be poorer for the missing experiences, engagement and outcomes delivered to RRR (Rural Remote and Regional) Women.

You will also see, as detailed in the Annual report regular director meetings were held monthly with additional meetings called for specific purposes when required. Various subcommittees such as the Communications Reference Group and the Finance Committee have also met when required.

All the NRWC activities and outcomes would not be possible without the hard work and long hours completed by our Chief Executive Officer Keli McDonald and her administration support team.

To our CEO Keli, thank you for what I believe has been one of the most exciting years for the NRWC in terms of engagement and delivery of outcomes within Australia and on the International Stage.

To my fellow directors, it has been an honour to serve with you all and I know the experiences of the last 12 months, including attending CSW62 with the entire board will last me a lifetime.

To our departing directors, I wish you well in your future endeavours and thank you for all you have done for RRR women.

Sarah Parker

COMPANY SECRETARY

AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR FOR WOMEN & GIRLS SHARMAN STONE AT THE UN

CSW63 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SIDE EVENT PRESENTATION

NRWC BOARD 2017–2018

	Representing...	Board membership	Meetings attended
Alwyn Friedersdorff	Australian Local Government Women's Association	President	9 of 9
Leonie Noble	Women's Industry Network Seafood Community	Vice President	7 of 9
Sarah Parker	Australian Women in Agriculture	Company Secretary	5 of 9
Dorothy Coombe	Country Women's Association of Australia	Treasurer	9 of 9
Dr Kim Webber	National Rural Health Alliance	Director	7 of 9
Hannah Wandel	Independent	Director	9 of 9
Rechelle Leahy	Independent	Director	8 of 9
Lisa Shipley	Independent First Nation woman	Director	4 of 9

President's Report

As my time as both President and Board Member draws to an end, I depart with a sense of enormous pride and extreme fortune that I have been able to spend such valuable time with you all. And I am not just referring to fellow Directors; I also think of the absolutely amazing women that I have met across rural and remote Australia, in our political arenas, as Advisors, as fellow members in our Alliances, and even across the world! We value the approachability of Minister Kelly O'Dwyer and the team from the Office for Women.What a powerful network of diverse women who live and work to improve the lives of women everywhere!

As per our Strategic Plan, Governance, Leadership and Engagement form the focus of our activities throughout the year.

Highlights

Our commitment to good governance prompted the reinstatement of a CEO position allowing more focussed leadership as well as a similar alignment with our sister Alliances.

We were proudly asked by the Director of International Engagement at the Office for Women to lead the way to CSW62 and this was a major highlight and experience for all of us. With the theme, "*Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls*", the whole Board became energised and committed to ensuring that each one self funded to experience, learn, connect and contribute. In preparation, we were strongly supported by our five other National Women's Alliances with special mentoring by ERA to run two informative Webinars, a forum in Sydney, a pre-departure briefing and a debrief forum.

Our International Women's Day Postcards were a simple, quick, cost effective and delightful way to acknowledge the wonderful women in our lives.

A signature event is the e-Leader Muster to Canberra, this time held for more mature aged women to reinforce their understandings and growth in leadership.

These women have astounded with their commitment to supporting each other on their continued journeys and the impact they are making on their communities. A second e-Leader course was conducted by Webinar and is also producing some landmark results, while a third e-Leader Inspire was held in Alice Springs to strengthen the business and marketing skills of an amazing group of indigenous business women. This project was jointly partnered by NATSIWA.

Our volunteer band on the Communications Reference Team have kept our social media platforms alive and vibrant, instigating information gathering TwitterChats and rolling out recognition of our inspiring Women of Influence.

And we registered the name 'e-Skilling' to run skill development programs that unlike e-Leaders does not require a project on completion.

Please join us on this exciting journey by following us on Facebook and Twitter, signing up for our newsletter, responding to a survey, supporting our projects or becoming a sponsor!

Alwyn Friedersdorff

PRESIDENT

MEETING MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE HON. DAVID LITTLEPROUD, CANBERRA

ALWYN FRIEDERSDORFF AT 2018 GLOBAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN

UN CSW62 NY FOCUSED ON RURAL WOMEN

Treasurer's Report

The National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC) directs its funding wisely into projects which continue to develop networks of women across Rural Regional and Remote (RRR) Australia. In doing so it continues to involve, inform and encourage women for greater leadership and community involvement.

Core funding for the NRWC is underpinned by an allocation under the Office for Women for which a project plan is agreed to meet our priorities to:

1. Consult and engage
2. Capacity build
3. Develop international engagement
4. Collaborate with alliances, partners and women.

This investment is great value for money as it has enabled the completion of over 20 projects with a reach of over 250,000 women on an annual budget of $281,000 which breaks even annually.

Projects have developed and expanded on past-work developing leadership under projects titled e-Leadership, Canberra Muster, and Women of Influence. New projects to develop policy and to increase awareness, understanding and skills were implemented covering Roundtables, Inspire and e-Skilling.

International engagement was strengthened with attendance to the United Nations CSW62 women's summit in New York by the board within current budget limitations. The whole of board self-funded to attend this summit as our commitment to developing and participating further into the policy and projects affecting rural women world-wide and bringing that learning into projects throughout Australia. The donated volunteer hours alone for attendance in New York is over 540 hours plus donated attendance costs of around $10,000 x 8 board members = $80,000.

All of these projects have been realised on the backbone of 3,000 volunteer hours given by the Directors who are geographically spread throughout Australia. Without this generosity of time and a model which has directors undertaking projects, this extensive amount of work and network engagement would not be realised.

To strengthen this model the NRWC has contracted a CEO and small supportive administration to assist this heavy workload which has seen a greater strategic positioning of the organisation into new areas affecting policy for women. Particular thanks go to Keli McDonald, CEO and the administration team who have managed the financial and project reporting for clear and open reporting for the board.

Our financial governance is supported though regular meetings of the Finance Committee which considers funds control, risk and governance requirements and reports to the board for financial approvals. This committee ensures that all the reporting obligations and project acquittals are met. This work is audited annually to meet all governance needs and to provide regular reporting to the current board members responsible for implementation of projects and the spend to meet NRWC commitments.

I am pleased to report that NRWC has continued to deliver a strong performance and good value for money for all stakeholders and we have achieved strong results across all our key metrics. Our budgets have supported all projects and our strategic plan will continue to drive further projects and new growth into the future. Financially, NRWC is in a sound position to take hold of future opportunities to continue to build and educate strong networks of women throughout RRR Australia.

Dorothy Coombe
TREASURER

MALE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE BREAKFAST IN SYDNEY WITH ALWYN FRIEDERSDORFF

NATIONAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE'S CSW62 PREDEPARTURE BRIEF, MELBOURNE

Projects

PRIORITY ONE: ENGAGE, INFORM AND CONSULT

Women of Influence

14 diverse women from across RRR Australia have been featured though the Women of Influence program with the goal is to highlight rural, remote and regional (RRR) women in a positive and respectful way that highlights the diversity of women and their experiences and the positive impact they have on RRR Australia.

Danica Leys	NSW
Jodie Goldsworth	VIC
Senator Malarndirri McCarthy	QLD
Julie Freeman	WA
Maureen Libby	QLD
Bernice Hookey	QLD
Lynne Strong	NSW
Tanya Dupagne	WA
Julia Faulks-Taylor	WA
Donna Jaensch-Brown	SA
Jackie Perry	QLD
Letty Cook	NT
Catherine Wheatley	TAS
Fiona Dowling	TAS

Supporting SDG 5

Roundtable 1 – Rural Women's Mental Health

The Royal Flying Doctor Service, Country Women's Association of Queensland, ACON presenting on Pride in Diversity & Pride in Health & Wellbeing, Council of the Aging (COTA), Australian Women in Agriculture presenting on Natural Disasters & Industry Crisis and Mental Health – Seafood Industry research presented by Women Industry Network Seafood Community and Head to Health spoke to the forum on rural Women's Mental Health in Canberra in April 2018.

Supporting SDG 5

Roundtable 2 – Rural Women's Homelessness

In August 2018 NRWC held a roundtable in Hobart, Tasmania to focus on Rural Women's Homelessness and to develop recommendations. As part of its role the NRWC, will use the findings from the *Rural Women's Homelessness Roundtable* to influence decision makers and to inform future policy, as well as further educating women through our networks. Opened by the Tasmanian Minister for Housing Hon. Roger Jaensch, this project was supported by the Equal Rights Alliance and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance as well as Council of the Ageing (COTA), University of South Australia, Colony 47 and Choice as well as Australian Women in Local Government Association, Country Women's Association of Australia and National Rural Health Alliance.

Supporting SDG 5

Family Violence – Brave Danny

This picture book for children aged between 4-8 years with free downloadable support tools for teachers and caregivers is available for sale for $19.95 plus P&H through the NRWC website is designed to appropriately make children aware that there is help domestic violence.

Supporting SDG 5

National Conversation

Recognising that reliable and relevant data collection is necessary to inform our work and our reporting NRWC conducted national conversations that included a survey (1200+ responses), complemented by a volunteer Communications Reference Team through social media networking and highlighting Women of Influence to ensure rural women noticed. The survey was used to identify the emerging issues for future NRWC programs and for gathering information that was shared with the NWA and became apart of the CSW62 submission.

Supporting SDG 5

PRIORITY TWO: CAPACITY BUILDING

e-Skilling: Social Media

25 RRR women participated in the opportunity to increase their skills and knowledge in creating engaging videos for their community group, with the theme of My Community - Opportunities and Barriers. Under the guidance of facilitator Cathie Denehy participants learnt about the pre-production, content and post production aspects of video creation. This skill can now be used to promote rural community activities across Australia.

Supporting SDGs 4 & 5

e-Leader: Rural Remote & Regional Canberra Muster

14 amazing women, 35 years and above from rural, remote and regional Australia gathered for the 3- day residential Canberra Muster in February 2018. The women learnt skills to enable them to effectively advocate on issues facing their communities, examined the knowledge, skills and capacities required to lead effectively, were introduced to, and heard from experienced leaders from diverse backgrounds, visited Parliament House to gain a better understanding of political decision-making processes, and were supported on the planning for implementation of their community leadership project.

Supporting SDG 5

e-Leader Leadership

20 diverse women living in RRR Australia participated in the Leadership program which consisted of 6 webinars held on consecutive Wednesday evenings between 7.30pm-9.00pm facilitated by Meredith Turnbull. Participants were given reflective questions to consider as homework prior to each webinar.

RRR MUSTER WITH SENATOR MELISSA PRICE

RURAL WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH ROUNDTABLE, CANBERRA

RRR MUSTER WOMEN MEET PRIME MINISTER MALCOLM TURNBULL AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN KELLY O'DWYER IN APH

RURAL WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS ROUNDTABLE, HOBART WITH TASMANIAN MINISTER FOR HOUSING HON. ROGER JAENSCH

E-LEADER INSPIRE: INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN BUSINESS WORKSHOP IN ALICE SPRINGS

The program's objectives were for the women to:

- Develop knowledge and skills in topics that support advocacy and influence work
- Build their leadership confidence and resilience skills, and
- Use these skills on a community focused project in their local area.

Participants were encouraged to build relationships and share resources via a Facebook group exclusively for program members.

Supporting SDG 5

e-Leader Inspire Indigenous Women in Business

Held in Alice Springs NT, this project consisted of 3 workshops facilitated by Indigenous Business Women, Raelene Brown and Deanella Mack, for Indigenous Business Women and was project coordinated by local Donna Digby. Each workshop was delivered on topics specifically requested by the participating business women. Topics included finances and budgeting, writing a business plan, intellectual property (workshop collaboration with NATSIWA), connecting the women with third party stakeholders and strengthening their own Indigenous Business networks. Three businesswomen went on to be nominated for Alice Springs Chamber of Business Awards 2018 Customer Service Awards, with one of the women Raelene Brown from Kungkas Can Cook taking out the Award.

Supporting SDG 5 & 8

PRIORITY THREE: INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

International Engagement

- National Women's Alliance International Forum – Sydney October 17
- National Women's Alliance CSW62 Predeparture Brief – Melbourne February 2018
- Attended CSW62 – United Nations New York March 2018
- National Women's Alliance CSW62 Report Back Forum – Sydney April 2018

Attended CSW62 Commission on the Status of Women 62nd Session

A full representation of NRWC attended the annual United Nations event in New York from 11 – 23 March 2018. Spending more than 540 hours at round of daily amazing, sometimes confronting and always informative meetings and presentations; battling and delighting in the NY weather; making fabulous connections that we never dreamed were possible; being so privileged to have been a part of the largest world event that focusses on achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls! We staged two well attended events, one themed "Storytelling Strengthens Resilience Against Domestic Violence" and the other "e-Learning Advances Rural Women".

International Women's Day

Strong Women Lift Other Women up and Thanks for Being Awesome was the theme of the NRWC International Women's Day Cards. These beautiful specially illustrated cards highlight women's rural diversity and are available for sale for $10 for 5 cards each plus P&H through the NRWC website. A successful simple gesture with positive results.

Supporting SDG 5

PRIORITY FOUR: NATIONAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCE COLLABORATION

Equal Rights Alliance – Housing Project

Working collaboratively with ERA as part of the working group to ensure a rural lens is included on submissions and reports and that rural issues are understood.

Supporting SDG 5

Australian Women Against Violence Alliance – Violence Prevention Working Group

Working collaboratively with AWAVA as part of a working group – current project to map the prevention work across Australia. Within the working group individual members organisation share information on current projects.

PRIORITY FIVE: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

Stakeholder Engagement

We have broadly extended our reach by the following representation list:

July 2017

- Attended Adult Learning Australia/ Women in Adult & Vocational Education forum – Making the UN SDGs real – Towards a gender informed national plan

August 2017

- Attended RRRCC meeting
- Presented our PPT to the State Conference of CWA
- Board input meeting to CSW submission
- Attended AgriFutures Awards night in Canberra

- Attended AWiA Conference Brisbane

September 2017

- Attended and chaired CSW Information Webinars (26 September & 3 October)
- Spoke at local Zonta club about work of NRWC
- Attended Launch of Harmony Alliance, Adelaide Town Hall
- Met with Anna Oades, Rural Women's Network WA

October 2017

- Chaired the CSW Forum in Sydney Attend Project O Colourathon at the National Gallery

November 2017

- Attended the Australian Gender Equity Council Ltd AGM
- Attended Male Champions of Change breakfast in Sydney
- Frequent CSW advisory sessions with Helen Dalley-Fisher, ERA

February 2018

- Celebrated Safer Internet Day online via Twitter and Facebook

March 2018

- Attended CSW62

April 2018

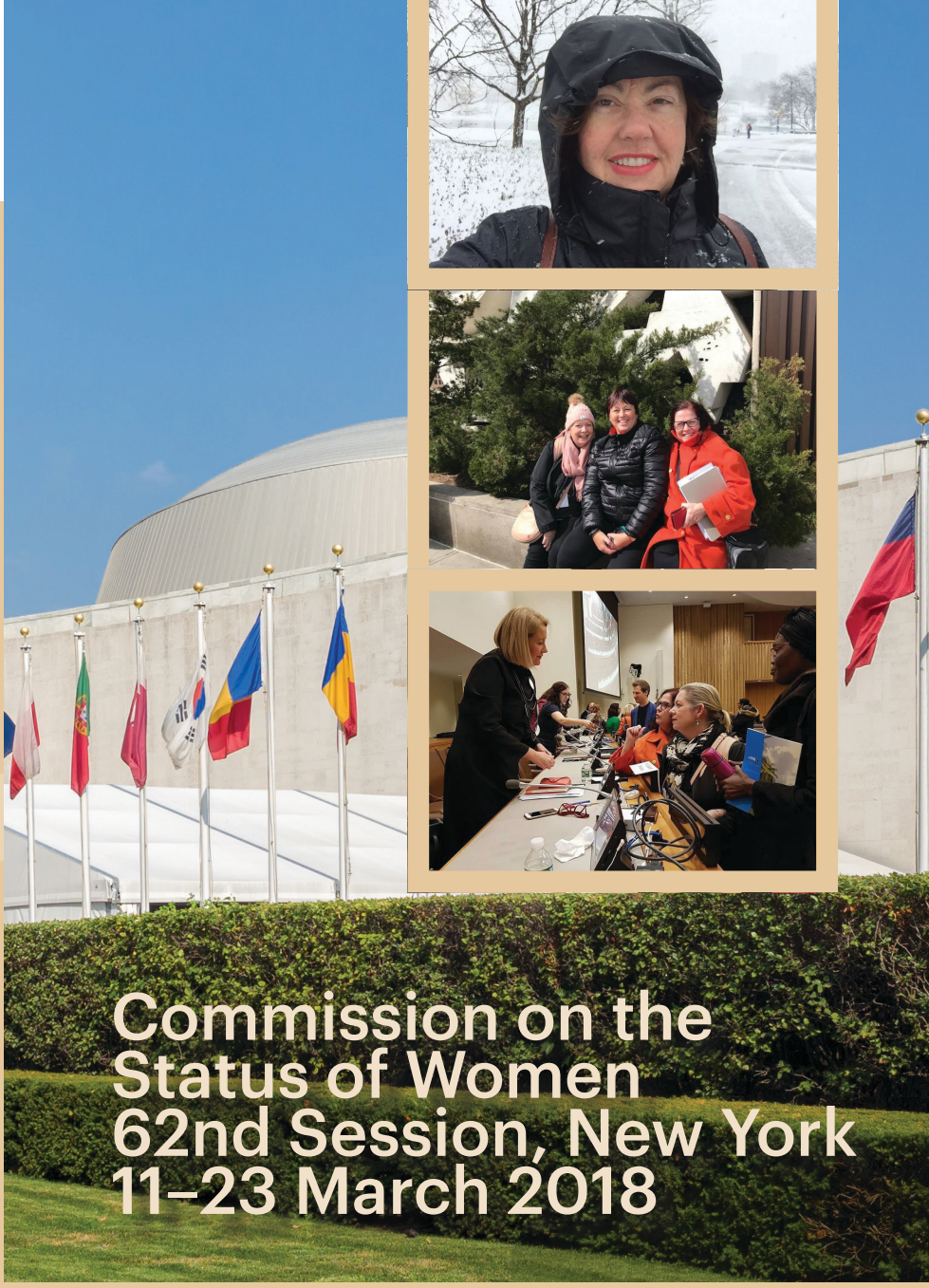
- Attended the Global Summit of Women

May 2018

- Presented sessions for local U3A on CSW62
- Presented reports on CSW62 to local Zonta club
- Presented reports on CSW62 to National ALGWA Networking Breakfast, Minister Kelly O'Dywer present
- Australian Gender Equality Council now a partner of NRWC
- e- Leader Inspire in Alice Springs, in partnership with NATSIWA
- Advocacy on the live sheep export Bill

June

- Represention event in Armidale meeting with Senator Bridget McKenzie



Commission on the Status of Women 62nd Session, New York 11–23 March 2018

National Women's Alliances

The six National Women's Alliances (the Alliances) represent almost 120 women's organisations. They bring forward the views, voices and issues of Australian women and, in particular, women from marginalised and disadvantaged groups. The Alliances take the lead in ensuring that the voices of as many women as possible are heard, especially those who in the past have found it difficult to engage in advocacy and decision making.

The role of the Alliances is twofold:

- bring together women's organisations and individuals from across Australia to share information, identify issues that affect them, and identify solutions
- engage actively with the Australian Government on policy issues as part of a better more informed and representative dialogue between women and government.

The Alliances are made up of a mix of issues-based and sector-based women's groups each with a distinct focus and a strong capacity for networking and advocacy activities.

The issues-based Alliances are:

- economic Security4Women (eS4W)
- Equality Rights Alliance (ERA)
- Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA)

The sector-based Alliances are:

- National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC)
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA)
- Harmony Alliance

National Women's Alliances

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Gender inequality is one of the biggest obstacles to sustainable development, economic growth and poverty reduction. Thanks to MDG 3 on gender equality and women's empowerment, progress in enrolling girls into school and integrating women into the job market has been considerable. MDG 3 gave the issue of gender parity a lot of visibility, but its narrow focus meant that it failed to address important issues such as violence against women, economic disparities and the low participation of women in political decision-making.

Goal 5 advocates equal opportunities for men and women in economic life, the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, the elimination of early and forced marriage, and equal participation at all levels.

5.1: End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere

5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation

5.3: Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

5.4: Recognise and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

5.5: Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life

5.6: Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences

5.a: Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws

5.b: Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women

5.c: Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels

Communications Reference Team Report

It has been a fantastic year for the National Rural Women's Coalition Communications Reference Team. Focused on amplifying the voices of diverse, rural women, we engaged in multiple activities to enhance the NRWC's impact. Our team embarked on the first-ever NRWC Twitter Chats, in a bid to generate online discourse about pertinent issues. These focused on themes such as education, homelessness and international advocacy, and helped build our online presence, while also stimulating thought-provoking discussions. Our team also managed our major Women of Influence project, where we profiled influential women making an impact in regional, rural and remote Australia. This highlighted the important, diverse work happening in our regions. We also worked to support our CEO and the NRWC's social media operations, by sharing media and providing recommendations regarding content to help expand our reach.

Our team was invited to take part in other NRWC events, such as our Roundtables, to provide additional learning opportunities. I was also delighted to update and finalise our team's Terms of Reference, approved by our Board, which then meant we could expand our team to 15 members. We underwent a recruitment round, and were delighted to welcome 6 fantastic new members in all their diversity, to ensure the team's longevity and impact. It has been a delight to chair the Communications Reference Team for the past two years, and to network and lead a brilliant group of women.

Hannah Wandel

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Snapshot

At end of June 2018, we had:

11,398 Facebook followers (facebook.com/NRWCandNetwork)

10,877 Facebook likes

2,212 Twitter followers (twitter.com/NRWNetwork)

2,445 eNews subscribers

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

NATIONAL RURAL WOMENS COALITION LIMITED
A.B.N. 14 151 707 158

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at the date of this report are:

A. Friedersdorff
D. Coombe
L. Noble
L. Shipley
K. Webber
S. Parker
R. Leahy
H. Wandel

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were:

To provide a collaborative national voice for women living in rural, regional and remote Australia.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the company's principal activities during the financial year.

Operating Results

The loss and extraordinary items of the company for the financial year amounted to $9,419

Dividends Paid or Recommended

No dividends were paid or declared since the start of the financial year. No recommendation is made as to dividends.

Indemnifying Officers or Auditor

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director Alwyn Friedersdorff
A. Friedersdorff

Director
D. Coombe

Dated this 16th day of October, 2018

NATIONAL RURAL WOMENS COALITION LIMITED
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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL RURAL WOMENS COALITION LIMITED

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2018 there have been:

i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and

ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

Thomas Simpson Partners Auditors

Thomas Simpson Partners Auditors
169 King Street
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

David Simpson
Consultant
Registered Company Auditor

Date: 8 October, 2018

NATIONAL RURAL WOMENS COALITION LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2018

30TH JUNE 2017 $		NOTE	
	EQUITY		
	Reserves		
89,664	Retained Earnings		80,245
	REPRESENTED BY		
	CURRENT ASSETS		
680	Bendigo Bank - 143533230		-
14,055	CBA - 260210581561		42,647
70,979	CBA Management Account		72,421
13,074	DAFF Sustainability Grant		3
6,799	Trade Debtors		8,222
2,598	GST Refundable		7,519
-	Prepayments		735
108,185			131,547
	INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
963	Formation Expenses at Cost		963
109,148	**TOTAL ASSETS**		132,510
	LESS		
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
240	Other Creditors		-
300	PAYG Withholding Payable		240
18,944	Accrued Expenses		52,025
19,484	**TOTAL LIABILITIES**		52,265
89,664	**NET ASSETS**		80,245

These financial statements should be read in
conjunction with the attached Compilation Report

NATIONAL RURAL WOMENS COALITION LIMITED
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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

30TH JUNE 2017 $		YEAR $
	NRWC MANAGEMENT	
	INCOME	
989	Interest Received	573
-	CSW Sponsorship	12,000
6,586	Management Fees	-
2,347	Miscellaneous Income	3,343
9,922		15,916
	EXPENSES	
2	Bank Charges	35
-	Conferences, Meetings & Travel	11,914
-	Coordinators/Facilitators	400
590	Donations	-
114	Gratuity	-
-	Insurance	116
1,325	Licences,Registrations,Permits	-
3,000	Presidents Honorarium	3,000
(123)	Printing, Stationery & Postage	(25)
5,700	Stipends	4,200
86	Superannuation	85
10,694		19,725
(772)		(3,809)
80,229	Retained Profits at July 1	79,457
79,457		75,648
79,457		75,648

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

30TH JUNE 2017 $		YEAR $
	DEPT AGRICULTURE & WATER RESOURCES	
	INCOME	
3	Interest Received	-
	EXPENSES	
890	Advertising, Promotion & Marketing	-
-	Advertising and Promotion	595
-	Bank Charges	2
1,225	Bookkeeper	1,225
928	Communications	1,700
13,947	Coordinators/Facilitators	1,558
2,769	Communications Officer	-
40	Printing, Stationery & Postage	-
5,400	Project Management	-
-	Purchases	6,063
18	Telephone	-
400	Website Design	200
25,617		11,343
(25,614)		(11,343)
35,685	Retained Profits at July 1	10,071
10,071		(1,272)
10,071		(1,272)

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30TH JUNE 2017 $		YEAR $
	OFFICE FOR WOMEN - 2017 TO 2020	
	INCOME	
281,139	Funding	281,000
47	Interest Received	22
-	Miscellaneous Income	7,057
281,186		288,079
	EXPENSES	
310	Accountancy	1,200
41,506	Administration Officer	20,822
-	Advertising, Promotion & Marketing	154
2,000	Auditors Remuneration - Fees	(1,000)
57	Bank Charges	163
38,781	Bookkeeper	-
3,697	Communications	(368)
605	Computer Costs	671
-	Chief Executive Officer	10,118
28,818	Conferences, Meetings & Travel	(1,406)
25,875	Communications Officer	-
-	Design & Development	147
1,524	Program Manager	-
42	Gratuity	42
2,507	Insurance	2,521
693	Legal Costs	-
(804)	Licences,Registrations,Permits	(473)
5,529	Printing, Stationery & Postage	3,819
6,606	Telephone	430
	PROJECTS	
-	e-Leader Masterclass	11,024
-	e-Leader Inspire	20,520
2,695	e-Leader/Alumnae	-
19,226	e-Leader Muster	32,325
10,348	e-Leader Social Media	10,102
9,350	e-Leader Leadership	9,129
5,180	Family & Domestic Violence	-
-	International Engagement	29,527
846	Communications Reference Group	469
17,369	Roundtable - Emerging Issues	49,407
3,706	Website Upgrade & Development	(3,123)
9,822	Connecting Lives/Building Lives	-
13,184	Resilience Forums	-
4,740	CSW Meetings	11,955
2,237	NWA Communication Project	232

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30TH JUNE 2017 $		YEAR $
-	International Women's Day	1,535
-	National Conversation	25,536
-	Stakeholder Engagement	11,090
98,703		209,728
	GOVERNANCE	
9,764	AGM	16,202
23,375	Meetings	19,347
10,883	Alliance Meetings & Support	228
44,022		35,777
300,471		282,345
(19,285)		5,734
19,420	Retained Profits at July 1	135
135		5,869
135		5,869

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

30TH JUNE 2017 $		YEAR $
	2016 FRRR	
	EXPENSES	
289	Bookkeeper	-
312	Coordinators/Facilitators	-
6	Printing, Stationery & Postage	-
1,187	Project Management	-
(1,794)		-
1,794	Retained Profits at July 1	-
-		-
-		-

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

30TH JUNE 2017 $		Retained Surplus $
137,128	Balance at 1 July 2017	89,664
(47,464)	Surplus / (Deficit) for the year attributable to members of the entity	(9,419)
(47,464)	**Total Surplus / (Deficit) for the year attributable to members of the entity**	(9,419)
89,664	**Balance at 30 June 2018**	80,245

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

30TH JUNE 2017 $		YEAR $
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
290,072	**Receipts from customers**	303,400
1,038	**Other Receipts**	594
(358,677)	**Payments to suppliers and employees**	(275,711)
	Other Payments	
2,598	GST Payable	(4,921)
(64,969)	**NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**	23,363
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
	Proceeds	
-	Office Equipment - At Cost	-
-	Less: Prov for Depreciation	-
-		-
	Payments	
-	Less: Prov for Depreciation	-
-		-
-	**NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES**	-
(64,969)	**NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD**	23,363
173,153	CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	108,184
108,184	**CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR**	131,547

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The directors have determined the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general purpose financial reports. The directors have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of members.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical cost, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Income Tax

The company is exempt from Income Tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(c) Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

NOTE 2 - MEMBERS GUARANTEE

The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 as a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, each member is required to contribute a maximum of $2 each towards meeting the costs and obligations of the company.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity. The directors have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set on on pages 3 to 11:

   (a) comply with Accounting Standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Act 2001; and

   (b) present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the directors by:

Director _____
D. Coombe

Director _____
A. Friedersdorff

Dated this day of 16th October, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL RURAL WOMENS COALITION LIMITED

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of National Rural Women's Coalition Limited, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit and loss, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The director's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and peform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluting the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by directors, as well as evaluting the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for the distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the Corporations Act 2001. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any other person other than the members, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration require by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the directors of National Rural Women's Coalition Limited, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial reports presents fairly in all material aspects, the financial position of National Rural Women's Coalition Limited as at 30 June 2015 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) to the extent described in Note 1.

Thomas Simpson Partners Auditors

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Consultant
Registered Company Auditor

Date: 8 October, 2018

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