

GRADUATE WOMEN NSW

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

President's report

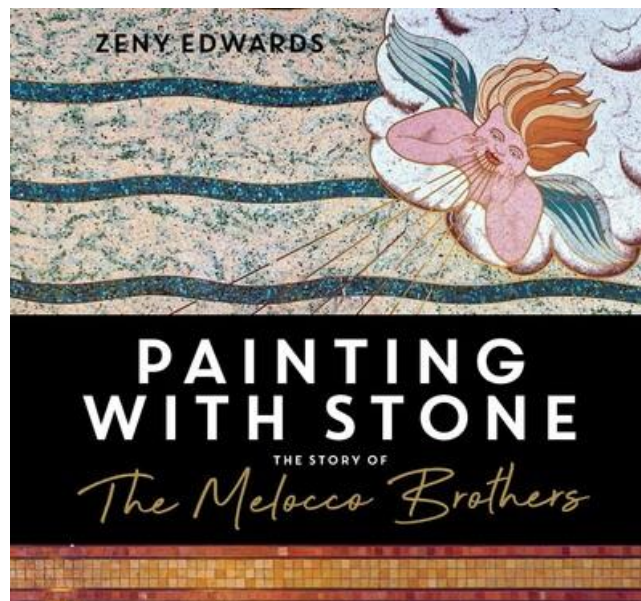
Dear Members,

This month at the Jean Arnot Recognition Awards Lunch at Parliament House we celebrated women who have contributed to the community throughout their lives and who are now ninety years or more. Graduate Women NSW's nominee for this award was botanist Dr Barbara Briggs. See below Barbara receiving her certificate from Dr Sarah Kaine, MLC (filling in for Jodie Harrison MP who was unwell).



GW NSW benefits from a bequest from Marjorie Murray that funds our office and our part-time Administrative Assistant on the condition that a lecture in honour of her mother, Sophia Holland, is held each year. It is important that we uphold the terms of this bequest. COVID made it necessary for us to start holding this lecture online but this year we are returning to an in-person event on Thursday 4 September and it would be wonderful if there could be a substantial attendance.

There are no branch reports as such this newsletter but City Branch held another Morning Tea on 14 August. This year City Branch's plan has been to have a series of morning teas on topics that focus on those who are not always visible in mainstream talks. For the August event Dr Zeny Edwards AM spent half of her talk speaking about celebrations of the International Day of Peace that she had been involved in organising over many years and showing slides of these events. In the second half she spoke about about early Italian immigrants in Sydney who were marble craftsmen about whom she has written the book *Painting with Stone: the Story of the Melocco Brothers*. Their splendid work is to be found in St Mary's Cathedral, the Commonwealth Bank Martin Place, the State Theatre, St John's College at Sydney University, and the State Library of NSW.



I am pleased to be able to report that all our awards for this year have been finalised and you will find details and a photo of Lily Pham, our Tempe Mann Award winner, below. The details of the winner of the Ritchie Award will appear in the September Newsletter.

Our annual General Meeting is being hosted by City Branch this year on Saturday 15 November at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel. In particular, we need nominations for a Secretary and Treasurer. After doing a sterling job for many years 'Tricia Blombery would like to retire from the role of Treasurer. You might give some thought to nominating for one of these positions. Also, our hardworking Scholarships Convenor, Dr Janet Ramsay, will be finishing up at the end of the year so if you have been an Assessor for some of our awards and have a PhD or a similar qualification please let me now if you are interested to be considered for this role.

Every best wish for the month ahead,

Christine

Dr Christine Jennett
President

TEMPE MANN AWARD WINNER 2025

LILY PHAM

Lily is undertaking a PhD at the University of Sydney's School of Pharmacy. The title of her thesis is *Considerations in the Development of Training and Resources for Pharmacist-Delivered Perinatal Mental Health Care*. Its focus is on exploring stakeholders' perspectives of potential roles for pharmacists in perinatal mental health care. Members of her supervisory team have had longstanding collaborations with colleagues at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada, where Lily's Tempe Mann Award will enable her to visit as a research student. Canada is renowned for its cutting-edge pharmacist-led primary health services, including mental health. Lily intends to spend some of her time in Canada studying the Canadian 'Bloom Program' which provides world first pharmacist-led specific perinatal mental health education.



Lily is a national leader in the pharmacy profession. She is Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia NSW Branch. She was also awarded the PSA NSW Early Career Pharmacist of the Year in 2025. It is pleasing that our awards continue to attract such outstanding applicants.

2025 SOPHIA HOLLAND LECTURE

11 am Thursday 4 September
Castlereagh Room, 2nd Floor
Castlereagh Boutique Hotel
169 Castlereagh St.

Speaker: Beverly Baker CEO of the Aboriginal Education Council

Topic: "Aboriginal Education... A work in Progress"



Beverly will discuss the changes in Aboriginal access to, and inclusion in, mainstream education since the 1967 Referendum and explore both the myth and reality.

About the Speaker:

Beverly Baker is the CEO of the Aboriginal Education Council NSW (Inc), the first charity established to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People participate in mainstream education in NSW. Established in 1963 the Council was a leader in Action Research, Innovation and Inclusion of and for First Nations' Peoples in all theatres of education.

RSVP: please respond to cjennett@ozemail.com.au. It is necessary to charge as small contribution of \$10 towards room hire. You can pay by electronic funds transfer GW-NSW BSB: 012 670 ACC: 300 706 398 or cash payment at the door.

Calendar of Events

Monday 1 September Central West Dr Barbara Wright Postgraduate Scholarship closes.

Thursday 4 September Sophia Holland Lecture where the speaker will be Beverly Baker.

Thursday 11 September Central West Annual General meeting.

November 15 GW 11.00 – 2 pm NSW Annual General Meeting at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel preceded by the Education Trust Annual General Meeting at 10 am.