

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Australia Day Women's Ceremony

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**Occupation** Commemoration

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### Summary

Since 1961 the National Council of Women of Victoria Inc (NCWV) and the Australia Day Council (Victoria) have come together to conduct a ceremony to honour the Pioneer Women of Australia and in particular, Victoria.

The Ceremony has been held in the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden in King's Domain each January. Guides Victoria have generously provided a Colour Party for the raising and lowering of the Australian Flag. The Australia Day Council has undertaken to see to the music, microphone and flowers for the Guest Speaker. NCWV has undertaken to arrange for chairs to be placed in the garden, the sheaf of flowers for the Memorial Plaque as well as in discussion with the Australia Day Council (Victoria) to invite a Guest Speaker. The City of Melbourne through its Parks and Garden Department has assisted in many ways over the years as without their invaluable assistance it would not be possible to hold the Ceremony in these Pioneer Women's Gardens. The Minute's Silence was introduced to honour all pioneer women at the request of the Australian Church Women.

### Events

#### **2002 - 2002**

Dr Shirley Sampson BA Bed PhD JP speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **2004 - 2004**

Rabbi Aviva Kipen speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1986 - 1986**

Ms Deborah Towns speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1974 - 1974**

Mrs A W (Betty) Burton (Past NCWV International Secretary) speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1975 - 1975**

Mrs J G Norris – Later Dame Ada speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1976 - 1976**

Mrs Douglas Keep speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1977 - 1977**

Mrs Mary Hoban speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1989 - 1989**

Mrs Maurine Goldston – Morris OAM LDIC FRGS speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1990 - 1990**

Ms Georgia Richter speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1961 - 1961**

Dr (later Dame) Margaret Blackwood DBE speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

#### **1962 - 1962**

Mrs G N Frost – now Dame Phyllis Frost AC DBE DSocSc(Hon) speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1963 - 1963**

Mrs R R Gordon speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1964 - 1964**

Mrs E W (Marjorie) Tipping speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1965 - 1965**

Mrs E W Tipping speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1966 - 1966**

Dame Mabel Brooks DBE speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1967 - 1967**

Mrs G N Frost – now Dame Phyllis Frost AC DBE DSocSc (Hon) speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1968 - 1968**

Mrs R R Gordon speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1969 - 1969**

Mrs Breen – later Dame Marie and Senator for Victoria speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1970 - 1970**

The Lady Casey (Associate NCWV) speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1971 - 1971**

E Utassy speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1972 - 1972**

Dr Elizabeth Turner speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1973 - 1973**

Matron V Bullwinkel speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1978 - 1978**

Miss Patricia Kennedy speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1979 - 1979**

Miss Pat Waller speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1980 - 1980**

Patsy Adam Smith AM speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1981 - 1981**

Mrs Edith Hall speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1982 - 1982**

The Hon. Mrs Justice Lusink speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1983 - 1983**

Dame Beryl Beaufort DBE speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1984 - 1984**

Dr Marion Adams speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1985 - 1985**

Miss Edith Dawson speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**2005 - 2005**

Susan Halliday speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**2006 - 2006**

Colonel Janice McCarthy ARRC speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**2007 - 2007**

Professor Judith Smart and Professor Marian Quartly joint speakers at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**2008 - 2008**

Pauline Parker speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**2009 - 2009**

Dr. Andi Diamond speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**2010 - 2010**

Mrs. Cam Nguyen speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1991 - 1991**

Dame Phyllis Frost AC DBE DSocSc (Hon) speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1992 - 1992**

Dr Janet McCalman speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1993 - 1993**

Mrs Jean Cheshire GCSJ OAM speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1994 - 1994**

Mrs Elizabeth Proust speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1995 - 1995**

Mrs Shirley Horne AM speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1996 - 1996**

Prof. Brian Lloyd speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1997 - 1997**

Sharon Firebrace speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1998 - 1998**

Ivan Deveson – Lord Mayor City of Melbourne speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1999 - 1999**

Mrs Sylvia Gelman MBE speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**2000 - 2000**

Melba Marginson, Hong Vo, Medina Idriess speakers at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**2001 - 2001**

Gracia Baylor AM speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1987 - 1987**

Miss Wilma Hannah speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

**1988 - 1988**

Cr Leckie Ord – Lord Mayor City of Melbourne speaker at the Australia Day Women's Ceremony

## Published resources

### Book

Forty years on : women still pioneering : a collection of speeches from the Australia Day Women's Ceremony, Pioneer Women's Garden, King's Domain, Melbourne, 2002

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