

The Social Justice Research Centre End of Year Event

In honour of the 150 year celebration of Edith Cowan's birth the Social Justice Research Centre will host a panel discussion focused on the achievements of women in Australia and the challenges and issues that women continue to face. Panel members will each talk briefly to their particular area. Following each talk audience members will be invited to pose relevant questions.

Women, recognised for their dedication, commitment and accomplishments in both their professional areas and their advocacy for women and children have been invited to be part of a panel discussion group.

Panel chair:

Prof Caroline Taylor: Caroline is currently the foundation chair for Social Justice at ECU and Head of the Social Justice Research Centre. Caroline is well known for her research into sexual violence against children and adults.

Panel members:

Retired Chief magistrate of Qld Ms Diane McGrath Fingleton: Diane (or Di) was educated in catholic convents and began her working life as a secretary in Australia and overseas, returning to Australia in 1972. She eventually studied Law and graduated with an Arts and Law degree from the University of Queensland in 1983. She was admitted as a Solicitor in 1984 and worked with community legal centres and legal aid, until she was made a magistrate in 1995. She was made Deputy Chief Magistrate in 1998 and Chief Magistrate in 2000. Despite being jailed for what was later named a miscarriage of justice, she was able to work in the job she loved, as a magistrate, until July 2010, when she retired and published her book "Nothing To Do With Justice", which tells her story.

Dr Renate Klein: Renate is a biologist, social scientist and women's health researcher. Until her retirement in 2006 she was Associate Professor of Women's Studies at Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia. Dr Klein has been widely published in peer reviewed journals on the medicalisation of women's lives in her research into reprogenetic science and on feminist theory and methodology over the last 25 years. She is the (co)author/(co)editor of 14 books including *Theories of Women's Studies*, *Radically Speaking* and *Cyberfeminism*.

Ms Rona Chadwick: Rona is a cartoonist, painter and feminist activist. For the last 25 years she has focused on feminist culture and, in particular, cartooning. More recently Rona has expanded her repertoire to depicting women's 'herstory' on canvas covered ironing boards. Her artwork has been exhibited and published within Australia and overseas. In 2009 she was a finalist in The Black Swan Portrait Prize Exhibition. In March of this year, she organized (in

collaboration with Maxine Boyd and Angela Hartwig), The Long March: an art exhibition celebrating 100 years of activism for women's rights at the DoC Gallery in Maylands, Western Australia.

Ms Kedy Kristal: Kedy is currently the Chief Executive Officer for the Patricia Giles Centre, a non-profit organisation which provides services for women and children who have experienced domestic violence and for men who wish to improve their family relationships. Kedy has worked in the domestic violence sector for over 20 years. She also works in a voluntary role as a Justice of the Peace hearing Violence Restraining Orders at the Perth Magistrate Court and as an independent Prison visitor at Bandyup Women's Prison.

Ms Annette Panaia: Annette is the co-ordinator of the Moorditj Mia Aboriginal Program, a respite and day care service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. She has worked for over 30 years across government and community organisations to capacity build and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the community. She is a member of the Deaths in Custody watch committee and has spent many years as a prison visitor advocating on behalf of Aboriginal prisoners. Annette was recently recognised for her achievements through the NAIDOC Perth 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award for her significant contribution to the development and empowerment of Perth's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community over an extended period of time.

The Hon Sue Ellery MLC: Sue is currently Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council in the Parliament of WA and is the Shadow Minister for Women, Child Protection, Community Services, Seniors and Volunteering and Disability Services. She is the first woman to lead the Opposition in the Legislative Council. Sue has been a member of the WA Parliament since 2001 representing the South Metro region in the Legislative Council. Prior to Parliament She was in advocacy in the community sector and for 12 years as an advocate for low paid workers in the union movement. Sue was a Minister in the last Labor government holding the portfolios of Child Protection, Communities, Seniors and Volunteering and Women.

Please join us for what will be a positive and lively discussion involving visionary women.

When: Monday 5th December 2011

**Where: Lecture theatre 32.101, Joondalup Campus
270 Joondalup Drive, Joondalup**

Time: 10.00am - 12.00 noon

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