



## Women in Adult and Vocational Education Newsletter

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**WAVE** is a national network of women involved in VET, adult education and the broad field of work-related education and training. WAVE provides seminars & workshops, research, policy advocacy and advice, as well as networking on an international, national and state basis. We are supported within each state by local representation that in turn contributes collaboratively to national events and governance. W:[www.wave.org.au](http://www.wave.org.au) E:[wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au)

### Update

#### WAVE forum and OctoberVET event

**The role of adult and vocational education in empowering women and supporting gender equality**

**An exciting line-up of speakers**

**Keep the date: Friday 21 October in Melbourne**

**See more below.**

Visit: [www.wave.org.au/](http://www.wave.org.au/)

Or visit and follow our Socials:



#### Interested in becoming a paid member?

Membership fees are called for in October each year. If you pay now, it will take you through to October next year. To become a paid member of WAVE contact us via email [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au) and we will send you an invoice, or just pay online and let us know.

WAVE membership fees for 2021-2022 are:

- \* **Individual \$50 or \$30 if you are re-joining**
- \* **Organisation \$100 or \$75 if you are re-joining**

Have you ever thought about giving a bit of your time to working with other women in adult and vocational education? Currently we have no representatives in ACT and Tasmania. All Committee members must be financial members. Let us know if you are interested.

Linda Simon (National Convenor) [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au)



## WAVE National Forum

**Friday 21 October – 9.30 am – 4.30 pm**

VET Development Centre, 379 Collins Street,  
Melbourne

### **The role of adult and vocational education in empowering women and supporting gender equality**

**Great speakers including:** Kit McMahon from Women's Health in the south-east, Kira Clarke from Brotherhood of St Laurence, Sally Thompson from RMIT, Karen Hall (2022 WAVE/Sue Salthouse grant recipient) from Swinburne University of Technology, Jane Newton from Jobs Queensland; and more.

Plus a chance to discuss the role of adult and vocational education in relation to lifelong learning as well as skills and careers for women and girls.

Cost for the day including lunch and refreshments is: \$70 which includes membership of WAVE for the year, or \$30 for those who are already WAVE members.

Register today:

[https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wave-national-forum-2022-tickets-389177499377?aff=incompleteregistration&utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=event\\_title\\_p1&ref=email](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wave-national-forum-2022-tickets-389177499377?aff=incompleteregistration&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&utm_term=event_title_p1&ref=email)

## Our 2021-2022 WAVE team

### **National Committee**

Linda Simon: WAVE National Convenor  
Jan Edwards: WAVE Secretary  
Annette Bonnici: WAVE Treasurer  
Elaine Butler: WAVE Ambassador  
Regional and rural: L'Amour Gina-Whewell

### **ACT Convenor**

Vacant (interested - email us today)

### **Northern Territory Convenor**

Raelke Grimmer

### **Queensland Convenors**

Jane Newton  
Deb Parker

### **Victoria Convenors**

Kira Clarke  
Sally Thompson

### **Western Australia Convenors**

Sue Thompson  
Sarah Leftwich

### **New South Wales Convenor**

Jane Anderson

### **South Australia Convenor**

Jan Edwards

### **Tasmania Convenor**

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For more information about your executive team visit our website or email us today: [www.wave.org.au/leadership/](http://www.wave.org.au/leadership/)



## WAVE Annual General Meeting

The WAVE National Forum will be followed by WAVE AGM on Friday 21 October at 5.00 pm at the VET Development Centre (VDC) and online.

### Agenda for AGM

- Election of WAVE committee – the leadership positions above will be elected at the AGM. If you are interested in standing please contact us for a nomination form – [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au)
- Report on WAVE in 2022
- Financial report
- Endorsement of WAVE Constitution (the new proposed WAVE Constitution is attached for your information, and it is intended that this be endorsed at the AGM.)



## Womens Climate Congress

The National Congress of Women will be held on 11-12 September in Canberra (and online).

The theme is: Renewal. How can we secure the earth for ourselves and future generations.

Details of this important event can be found:

[www.nationalcongressofwomen.com](http://www.nationalcongressofwomen.com)

## WAVE Members and Subscribers Survey

WAVE has been working on a new Constitution for approval at the AGM (attached with this Newsletter). The Constitution states that we must keep a record of members that includes their home state. As well, this information will help us to reinvigorate state /territory chapters and hopefully grow our membership.

We would like all members and subscribers to complete the survey that will be sent around the 1st August.

There are two parts to the survey.

Part 1 collects basic information such as name, email addresses and state / territory. It also asks if people have any interest in standing for Executive and paid members.

The second part of the survey is optional, but the information if provided will help us to become more strategic, include a more diverse group of members and subscribers in activities and opportunities (including as Executive members and office bearers).

Can all members and subscribers please aim to complete the survey by 30th August in time for the AGM?

This information will be stored according to the Australian Privacy Principles (or APPs) and the privacy protection framework in the Privacy Act 1988 (Privacy Act) and unavailable to any person other than WAVE's elected Executive (National Convenor, National Treasurer, National Secretary and State / Territory convenors).



## Jobs and Skills Summit

The Federal Government will be convening a Jobs and Skills Summit in Canberra on 1-2 September. This is being convened by Treasury and is focused on 'shared economic challenges'. It will address "skills shortages and getting our skills mix right over the long term", but one has to ask as to whether this will be a mainly 'blokey affair'.

WAVE and other concerned organisations are asking the question as to what input is possible to shape up a genuine intersectional gender lens on skills and skill utilisation policy. The Summit will be followed by a White Paper. If you would like to have input to WAVE's submission, let us know.



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