# AUSTRALIAN REGION CWP- ACTIVITIES 2017

| 1. **2nd Australian CWP Conference** | The Victorian Parliament will be hosting the 2nd Australian CWP Conference in the second half of 2017. Activities to coordinate the conference will include:  
- Conducting a survey of members of Parliament in relation to the content of the conference;  
- Organisation of guest speakers possibly through the engagement of a consultant; and  
- Production of conference material.  

The themes for the conference will focus on the priorities the Australian Region Steering Committee have agreed to for 2017 including:  
- Family friendly practices and policies:  
- Political Violence against women; and  
- Professional development of female MPs:  

The Conference will be one platform in which to ensure the ongoing professional development of female members of Parliament. |
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| 2. **Branch Events** | Branches will be encouraged to hold specifically tailored programmes and events for young women including:  
- ‘Stepping-up’ events for young female leaders encouraging participation in politics; and  
- Networking opportunities.  

Branches will be supported in the organization of their events by the CWP Australia Secretariat. |
| 3. **Ongoing professional development** | Professional development for female Members will be undertaken through the 2nd Australian CWP Conference. Workshops for the conference will include sessions on:  
- Managing an electorate office; and  
- Utilising the media effectively.  

Other professional development opportunities will be encouraged by the steering committee representatives in their individual CPA branches. |
| 4. **Engagement and communication** | - Quarterly newsletter to be distributed to all female members across Australian Parliaments;  
- Maintenance of CWP Australia website and Facebook page;  
- Distribution of “CWP Induction Packs” for newly elected women members across Australia;  
- Survey of female members across Australia in relation to family friendly policies and barriers to entering Parliament;  
- Updating of CWP Australia publications to reflect recent changes in the Australian steering committee membership;  
- Establishment of a working group to develop a framework to develop an Alumni Association for former Women |
5. **Pacific Women’s Parliamentary Partnership**

PWPP activities include:
- MP exchanges;
- Parliamentary Skills Scholarship; and
- Youth Engagement.