

AUSTRALIAN REGION CWP- ACTIVITIES 2017

<p>1. 2nd Australian CWP Conference</p>	<p>The Victorian Parliament will be hosting the 2nd Australian CWP Conference in the second half of 2017. Activities to coordinate the conference will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>The themes for the conference will focus on the priorities the Australian Region Steering Committee have agreed to for 2017 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family friendly practices and policies: • Political Violence against women: and • Professional development of female MPs: <p>The Conference will be one platform in which to ensure the ongoing professional development of female members of Parliament.</p>
<p>2. Branch Events</p>	<p>Branches will be encouraged to hold specifically tailored programmes and events for young women including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Stepping-up’ events for young female leaders encouraging participation in politics; and • Networking opportunities. <p>Branches will be supported in the organization of their events by the CWP Australia Secretariat.</p>
<p>3. Ongoing professional development</p>	<p>Professional development for female Members will be undertaken through the 2nd Australian CWP Conference. Workshops for the conference will include sessions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing an electorate office; and • Utilising the media effectively. <p>Other professional development opportunities will be encouraged by the steering committee representatives in their individual CPA branches.</p>
<p>4. Engagement and communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	Parliamentarians.
5. Pacific Women's Parliamentary Partnership	PWPP activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MP exchanges;• Parliamentary Skills Scholarship; and• Youth Engagement.