

Annual Report 2022



CWRG Brochure Launch with ChallengeDV, May 2022



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The CWRG unites domestic and family violence refuges to advocate for women and children's right to live a life free from violence.

Chairperson's report

I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and connect each month and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This year has again been one of advocacy, including the CWRG Data Snapshot 'Exploring Refuge Access Block'; Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce; Regulatory Framework; Sector Working Group and Housing Roundtables. We look forward to the outcomes of Commission of Inquiry into QPS responses to domestic and family violence. Our members submitted CWRG members provided 21 of the 71 responses to the sector survey.

The pandemic's increase in domestic and family violence, has sadly continued this year. The escalating housing crisis sees women staying in unsafe homes, while women ready to leave refuge find it difficult to access housing. Thank you to CWRG members for your unwavering commitment your work. Special mention to Karen from yourtown for coordinating 'Safer Together' training.

We welcomed many guest speakers this year from Second Chance, QUT, UnitingCare, EVAWQ, WorkUP, Home Affairs, QPS, Office for Women and Violence Protection, Community Housing Ltd, Peggy's Place and RizeUP.

Congratulations to Rosemary and Sue on your retirements. Thank you both for your vast contributions to the CWRG.

Thank you to our partner, ChallengeDV, for continuing their generous support, including translating our brochure. Congratulations to CEO Jacque Lachman for seven years of service. We wish her well.

I also thank all CWRG members for your contributions and the supportive community you have created. Thank you to the Executive Committee for their expertise and the Secretariat, for your contribution.

Tracey Amos,
Chairperson

CWRG Executive Committee 2021-2022

Chairperson
Rosemary Larkin
Macleod

Succeeded by
Sue Clark
Koongoora

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Tracey Amos
Koongoora

Secretary
Catherine Johns
Women's Crisis Support Service Inc.

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Bernadette O'Byrne
Windana Support Centre

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Valda Carrington
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Succeeded by
Julia Dawson
Women's House

Carrie Colonna
Chisholm

Treasurer's report

Year ended 30th June 2021

As the Combined Women's Refuge Group of Southeast Queensland enters its 44th year, we continue to see high rates domestic and family violence in our communities. This, coupled with the housing crisis, has members working tirelessly to support women and children throughout the year.

I would like to thank Nancy, our Secretariat, for the work she has contributed, assisting us achieve our member connection and advocacy goals.

I would also like to acknowledge ChallengeDV for their valuable contributions to Secretariat wages and CWRG projects.

In the last financial year, Australia's CEO Challenge paid \$9499.32 towards Secretariat wages. Memberships yielded a total of \$4100.

Thank you to all members who have ensured that the CWRG remains a strong organisation that can continue to support women and children escaping domestic violence. Special thanks to Executive Committee members, especially Rosemary, Sue and Tracey, our Chairs for 2021-2022. Congratulations and best wishes for your retirement to Rosemary and Sue.

Bernadette O'Byrne,
Treasurer