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News of the week

International Women's Day 2025

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Saturday 8 March is International Women's Day. This is a global day celebrating and honouring the achievements of women, and calling for action against issues that impact women, such as gender equality and violence and abuse against women.

2025 theme: March Forward – For ALL Women and Girls

This year's theme, March Forward – For ALL Women and Girls, advocates for us to march forward and unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all, and a future where no one is left behind.

Watch the UN Women Australia's video for International Women's Day, [2025: The year to act for ALL women and girls](#).

2025 is a pivotal moment in the global pursuit of gender equality and women's empowerment, as it marks the 30th anniversary of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#). In 1995 at the Fourth World Conference on Women, world leaders enshrined the

promise of equal rights, opportunities, power and safety for all women and girls in this declaration. Adopted by 189 countries, it has guided policies, programs and investment that impact critical areas of our lives such as education, health, peace, media, political participation, economic empowerment and the elimination of violence against women and girls.

Participate in International Women's Day

Women's history walking tours

ACMA and eSafety staff are invited to join one of the women's history walking tours in each of our locations.

- **Canberra:** Thursday 20 March 2:00pm – 3:30pm, Old Parliament House
- **Melbourne:** Thursday 27 March 2pm – 3:30pm, Parliament House
- **Sydney:** Tuesday 1 April 10:00am – 11:30am, Circular Quay

Learn about the mostly untold stories of women who designed cities, contributed to political and social reforms, changed Australia's constitution, and dismissed governments.

How to register

Register now via [Learnhub](#) - as this is a work event, you are not required to utilise flex or leave to participate, we encourage you to seek your manager's support to attend.

Local events

There are events happening all over Australia to celebrate International Women's Day. Check out [what's on in your area!](#)

Please note that some of the events listed below have associated costs which staff will need to cover themselves.

Canberra

SheLeadsTech Sip and Paint and Good Conversations

- **Date:** Saturday 15 March 4-7pm
- [Registrations via Eventbrite](#) (\$50+)
- **Location:** Wildbark at Mulligans Flat (Rosenberg Street, Throsby)
- **Event info:** This event celebrates SheLeadsTech month and International Women's Day with a guided painting session.

International Women's Day (Deniehy Lane)

- **Date:** Friday 7 March 4:30-6pm

- [Registrations via Eventbrite](#) (\$25+)
- **Location:** Deniehy Lane (Deniehy Lane, Goulburn)
- **Event info:** This event celebrates the achievements of women with empowering speeches and networking opportunities.

Sydney

International Women's Day Forum 2025

- **Date:** Saturday 8 March 9-12pm
- [Registrations via Eventbrite](#) (Free)
- **Location:** North Ryde School of Arts (201 Cox's Road, North Ryde)
- **Event info:** This free event will feature keynote speakers including Simone O'Brien, a domestic violence survivor and advocate for women against violence. Morning tea will be provided by Gharibian House.

International Women's Day film screening: Madan Sara

- **Date:** Saturday 8 March 2-4pm
- [Registrations via Eventbrite](#) (Free)
- **Location:** Chatswood Library (409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood)
- **Event info:** This free event consists of screening the Madan Sara documentary, which highlights women's contributions and dreams for a more just Haiti.

Faculty of Arts' International Women's Day film screening: Mozart's Sister

- **Date:** Monday 10 March 4-6:30pm
- [Registrations via Eventbrite](#) (Free)
- **Location:** Macquarie University, Arts Precinct Room C122 (Balaclava Road, Macquarie Park)
- **Event info:** This is a special screening of Mozart's Sister, a captivating new documentary by acclaimed Australian director Madeleine Hetherington-Miau. This film delves into the life of Maria-Anna Mozart, the talented older sister of Amadeus Mozart, and explores the theme of lost female authorship.

Melbourne

International Women's Day - Marching Forward Panel with Anasina Gray-Barberio MP

- **Date:** Wednesday 12 March 6-8pm

- [Registrations via Eventbrite](#) (Free)
- **Location:** Brunswick Neighbourhood House (43A De Carle Street, Brunswick)
- **Event info:** This is a panel discussion hosted by Anasina Gray-Barberio, the Member of Parliament for Northern Metro. This event will share strategies for empowerment and community action with icebreakers activities and light refreshments.

Empowered Women, Exceptional Coffee

- **Date:** Friday 7 March 4-6pm
- [Registrations via Eventbrite](#) (Free)
- **Location:** Allpress Espresso (80 Rupert Street, Collingwood)
- **Event info:** This event will showcase three exceptional coffees from women-led co-ops in Rwanda, shining a light on their craft, culture and impact. All proceeds will go towards the Sovu Community Soap Project, helping fund project supplies and equipment for the community.

Online

Smarter Tech, Stronger Women: How AI and you could Shape a Fairer Future

- **Date:** Monday 17 March 11:30am-12:30pm
- **Location:** Online via MS Teams
- Presented by the APS Data and Digital Professions
- [Register now](#) (Free)
- **Event info:** A special IWD event with award winning guest speaker, Dr Nici Sweaney, globally recognised leader in ethical AI exploring the topic - Smarter Tech, Stronger Women: How AI and you could Shape a Fairer Future - a timely conversation aligned with this year's IWD theme, 'March Forward'.

Listen to the International Women's Day playlist

You can listen to the [International Women's Day 2025 playlist by UN Women](#) on Spotify.

MS Teams background

Show your support for International Women's Day by changing your MS Teams background to the International Women's Day background. To upload the background: right click and save the image below, then in MS Teams, go into 'background and effects' and select the picture, then click 'apply'.



Learn more

Find out more about International Women's Day and gender equality:

- [IWD UN Women Australia](#)
General information on International Women's Day events in Australia.
- [IWD UN Women Australia | Resources](#)
Information to help you better understand the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
- [2024 Status of Women Report Card | Minister for Women media centre](#)
The second annual Status of Women Report Card, which showcases through data what life looks like women and girls in Australia in 2024.
- [Office for Women | PM&C](#)
Find information on the Office for Women, an Australia government initiative dedicated to providing quality gender advice and delivering effective policies and programs for the Minister for Women and the Prime Minister.

Read our [Diversity and Inclusion Strategy](#) to learn about other ways we promote diversity and inclusion at the ACMA and eSafety.

A Diversity and Inclusion Working Group will soon be established to discuss and advocate for inclusion initiatives within the agency, including awareness days. Please contact HRassist@acma.gov.au if you would like to become a member.