

Women leaders speak on Affecting Change

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The first woman to hold the position of Police Commissioner in Australia Christine Nixon, Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development and Minister Women's Affairs Maxine Morand and the President of the World YWCA Susan Brennan speak on Women Affecting Change.

Organised by YWCA Victoria to celebrate World YWCA Day, the breakfast event celebrates women's leadership both locally and globally. This event showcases three remarkable women to inspire the next generation of women leaders to affect change both locally and globally.

"The World YWCA affirms the leadership of women and girls and builds their capacity to find local solutions to global inequalities. We believe in women as agents of change in their communities, now and into the future" World YWCA President Susan Brennan said today.

Panel member and Women's Affairs Minister Maxine Morand MP acknowledged the great work of the YWCA as a global network of women leading social and economic change and making a difference to women in 125 countries worldwide.

Ms Morand congratulated the YWCA on their annual World YWCA Day 'Round the World' event aimed at celebrating women leaders in the community. The panel will address the 150 attendees on the importance of women in leadership roles and how women's leadership can be fostered, promoted and secured for the next generation. The event will raise money for the global YWCA Power to Change Fund, which supports programs focusing on leadership for women and girls.

"Like the YWCA, a key goal for the Victorian Government is to encourage and support women's increased participation in leadership positions" Ms Morand said today.

The YWCA is a global network of women working for justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and care for the environment. It began in London in 1855 and today reaches 25 million women and annually through work in 23,000 communities and 125 countries worldwide. Here in Victoria, the YWCA has been delivering exceptional services focused on creating opportunities for women facing disadvantage since 1882.

BREAKFAST DETAILS/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

DATE: Friday 24th April 2009

TIME: 7am – 8:30am

VENUE: The Jasper Hotel, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

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