

**REPORT OF THE LABOR WOMEN'S NETWORK VICTORIA**  
**FOR STATE CONFERENCE MAY 2008**

**A. GENERAL REPORT**

Attendance since last Conference Report:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Total Possible</b>
Narelle Wiggin	5	8
Lorie Werner	7	8
Hutch Hussein	4	8
Rondah Rietveld	0	*0
Barbara Norman	8	8
Megan Lilly	7	8
Marg Lewis	6	8
Jenny Beal	7	8
Lizzie Blandthorn	1	8
Fiona Darwin	0	8
Sarah McDowell	3	*3
Christina Dickinson	3	8
Paula Rizzuto	3	*3
Lori Faraone	3	*3

*\*Rhonda Rietveld requested leave of absence due to commitments in Canberra*

*\*Paula Rizzuto requested leave of absence due to the birth of her son*

*\*Sarah McDowel requested leave of absence due to the birth of her daughter*

*\*Lori Faraone requested leave of absence due to the birth of her daughter*

<b>Non Exec. Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Total Possible</b>
Jenne Perlstein	2	8
Jacqui Marion	2	8
Koora Cooper	3	8

**B. FORUMS**

LWN held a training seminar entitled “**Get Involved in an Election Campaign**” on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. August 2007 aimed at encouraging women members to take a prominent role in the 2007 Federal election campaign. **Anna Burke, MHR** for the Federal seat of Chisholm was the keynote speaker. The forum was aimed at putting a particular focus on marginal seat campaigning, Anna, having held the seat of Chisholm for the ALP against the tide since the 1998 election, was well placed to give insight into what works in marginal seat campaigning.

The topics covered at the forum were:

*.How to organise mobile offices,  
street stalls & train station visits*

*.Tips on door knocking*

*.Postal vote application process*

*.Role of Booth Captain and scrutineers, difference in polling booth rules for Federal & State elections.*

*.How to organise a letterbox drop  
(including co-ordinating CCD maps).*

The forum was a great success, 78 women members attended and the feedback was very positive. The LWN Executive would like to thank Anna Burke for her enthusiastic participation.

It is proposed that LWN Victoria will run a forum in July 2008 focusing on Local Government in the lead up to the 2008 Local Government elections to be held in November.

### **C. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Received:** 12/8/07 Letter from Lisa Zanatta congratulating LWN on August forum.

8/8/07 Letter from Maxine Morand declining invitation with apologies for August forum

6/8/07 Letter from the Women’s Policy Committee advising of motions passed at their meeting held 5<sup>th</sup>. August 2007 regarding changes to the Crimes Act as it applies to terminations of pregnancies.

**Outgoing:** 20/6/07 Letter of congratulations to Catherine Van Vliet on her election as Vice President of the Victorian Branch of the Labor Party and to the National Labor Women’s Network Executive.

20/6/07 Letter of congratulations to Jaala Pulford on her election to the National Labor Women’s Network Executive.

20/6/07 Letter of congratulations to Lizzie Blandthorn on her election to the National Labor Women's Network Executive.

#### **D. ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

VLWN were proud to present the inaugural "Lisa Bellair Memorial Award" 2007 to Jenne Perlstein. The award was presented to Jenne at the Western Suburbs NAIDOC ball by Lorie Werner, co-convener of the VLWN and Warren Mundine, immediate past National President of the Labor Party

The "**Lisa Bellair Memorial Award**" for 2008 is now open for nominations. Nominations will close on the 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2008, details including the nomination form and guidelines are available on the Victorian branch Website.

#### **E. OTHER ITEMS**

The LWN has encouraged women party members to attend executive meetings and to become involved in activities undertaken by the executive. It is our intention to continue this encouragement and we hope that many women members will take up the opportunity to participate during our next term.