



— WA WOMEN'S —
HALL OF FAME

2023

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The WA Women's Hall of Fame acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of these lands, their unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas, and rich contribution to Western Australia.

Our purpose is to recognise and celebrate the social, economic, historical, scientific, cultural, and political achievements of women, who have helped to build this great State.

Thank you to all our valued sponsors and partners, without their support the WA Women's Hall of Fame 2023 would not be possible.

We are delighted to introduce you to the 2023 WA Women's Hall of Fame Inductees.

Fiona Reid
Chair
WA Women's Hall of Fame.

2023 INDUCTEES

Arts	Annette Grant
Arts	Dr. Charmaine Papertalk Green
Business	Asha Bhat OAM
Business	Katina Law
Community	Jess Beckerling
Community	Victoria Laurie
Culture	Senator Dorinda Cox
Culture	Dorothy Bagshaw
Education	Professor Cobie Rudd
Education	Mandy Downing
Health	Dr. Anh Nguyen
Health	Nola Naylor
Sport	Christina Matthews
Sport	Laura Tolliday
STEM	Assoc. Professor Parwinder Kaur
STEM	Dr. Hema Wadhwa
Roll of Honour	Margaret A Batty
Roll of Honour	Mary Jane Levitzke
Roll of Honour	Catherine Ellen Martin
Roll of Honour	Elizabeth Bredemeyer



Hon. Sue Ellery MLC
Minister for Finance; Commerce; and Women's Interests

The WA Women's Hall of Fame is the preeminent awards program for recognising and celebrating the achievements and contributions of women in our State.

As the Minister for Women's Interests, it is a privilege to support the awards program through the Department of Communities. I am heartened by the achievements of women across our community every day who are making a difference.

These achievements often go unrecognised in our community and these awards are a great way to ensure that these contributions are recognised and celebrated.

To date over 200 women have been inducted, creating a legacy of remarkable Western Australian's.

The WA Women's Hall of Fame is a powerful celebration of women in our community who show us what is possible through passion and dedication, and who motivate others to strive in a wide field of endeavours.

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Annette Grant

Arts Advocate

Originally from Melbourne, Annette arrived in Albany with her family in 1967. She immediately became involved in the Arts in a myriad of forms and in 1985, she was appointed as the City's first Community Arts Officer for arts programs, and development in Albany and its surrounds.

Photographer: Warren Bellette

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Dr. Charmaine Papertalk Green

Artist, Storyteller, Social Science Researcher, and Academic

A Wajarri, Badimaya and Wilunyu woman of the Yamaji Nation, Charmaine is an author, poet, photographer, artist, storyteller, social science researcher, and academic. She has written five books, won several awards including the prestigious Australian Literary Society Gold Medal, and her poetry is studied as part of school curricula.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Katina Law

Director, Executive, and Entrepreneur

Raised in Derby from Worora and Walmajarri families, Katina is a director; executive, and entrepreneur with over 30 years' international experience in financial and general management roles. She is the first Indigenous woman to be appointed as a CEO of an ASX listed company and the first Indigenous woman to Chair an ASX listed company.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Asha Bhat OAM

CEO, Southern Aboriginal Corporation (SAC)

Bangalore born Asha migrated in 2004 and moved to Albany with her family in 2008. Starting as a finance officer for the Southern Aboriginal Corporation she advanced to CEO in 2013. The organisation supports the Great Southern Noongar community in the areas of housing, family and domestic violence, suicide prevention, and health.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Jess Beckerling

Environmental Campaigner

Jess is one of WA's leading environmental campaigners. Passionate and deeply committed to forests and wildlife protection, climate action, social justice, and collaborative leadership, she has been recognized through significant public awards, and contributed to major breakthroughs in government policy to protect WA's South West forests.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Victoria Laurie

Journalist and founding co-chair Women in Media

Victoria is an award-winning journalist and pioneering advocate for women in her industry. She is founding co-chair of Women in Media, an Australia-wide body that aims to empower and elevate women in their media careers and promote women's voices in the media. She also sits on the Walkley Foundation board.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Dorothy Bagshaw

Respected Elder and Leader

Nana Dot is a proud well respected Noongar Elder and Leader in the West Australian community. Dorothy's leadership and care for all community was instrumental in Djinda Bridiya Wellbeing Australian Aboriginal Corporation being created to support belonging, and wellbeing for elders. Dorothy sits on Perth NAIDOC and other boards for positive change.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Senator Dorinda Cox

Australian Greens Senator for Western Australia

Dorinda is a proud Yamatji-Noongar woman, and the first Indigenous woman to represent Western Australia in the Senate, when she was elected as the Australian Greens Senator for this State at the 2022 Federal Election. Her maiden speech shone a light on First Nations issues, including cultural heritage.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Mandy Downing

Dean of Indigenous Futures

Mandy is a Yindjibarndi woman who has worked in education and training in WA for over 20 years. She is the first Aboriginal person to be appointed as a Dean in the Faculty of Humanities at Curtin University and is currently employed as the Dean of Indigenous Futures there.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Professor Cobie Rudd

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Regional Futures) and Vice-President ECU

As an accomplished academic, Cobie currently serves as Edith Cowan University's (ECU) Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Regional Futures), Vice-President and Head of ECU South West, including the largest regional campus in WA (ECU's Bunbury Campus) and learning hubs. She is an Australian Government National Teaching Fellow; being the first in health simulation.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Dr. Anh Nguyen

Plastic Surgeon

A rarity in the world of medicine, where around 85% of Australian plastic surgeons are male, Dr Anh Nguyen has more than 20 years' experience in emergency trauma surgery, reconstructive, and aesthetic plastic surgery, and has achieved the pinnacle of professional standing as a Fellow of the prestigious Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Nola Naylor

Director Aboriginal Health Strategy, SMHS

A proud Banjima woman from the Central Pilbara, Nola is the Director of Aboriginal Health Strategy at South Metropolitan Health Services, and in that role has developed the Aboriginal Health Champions Network Program. She is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal peoples' and bridging the gap.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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Christina Matthews

CEO WA Cricket

A member of the Australian Women's Cricket team from 1984 to 1995, Chris became the country's most capped female Test player. She went onto become the CEO of WA Cricket and was named as a finalist in the West Australian of the Year in 2019 for her outstanding achievements in the cricket community.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

Sport category



Laura Tolliday

Sport and Recreation Advocate

Laura is a woman of many 'firsts' in life and sport. She played cricket in the 'first' WA Women's Cricket team to compete in the All Australian Women's Cricket Carnival and went on to become the 'first' woman to get a Recreational Officer Diploma, and be employed by a Government body.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

Sport category



Dr. Hema Wadhwa

Remote Operations and Digital Services Manager

Hema, originally from India, has a varied professional background that encompasses academic research, engineering, innovation, and leadership. She is driven for development of the Energy industry and is dedicated to creating practical solutions that boost efficiency and safety. Her passion for this field is evident in her work for positive impact.

Photographer: Maja Baska

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Assoc. Professor Pardwinder Kaur

Scientist

Indian born Parwinder is an award-winning scientist, mentor for gender equity, and founder of DNA Zoo Australia, the Australian lead for the DNA Zoo global consortium, and founder / chair of WA Genome Atlas initiative. She leads cross-disciplinary biotechnology research investigating Earth's biodiversity and natural environments to ensure sustainable futures.

Photographer: Karen Wheatland

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