



AAWAA Women's Summit 2024

Getting it Done Together

THEME: Getting it Done Together: Strategies and tools for effective activism and advocacy for women and girls

DATES: Friday 4 October - Saturday 5 October 2024

AIMS OF THE SUMMIT

- For women to walk away knowing they have the tools, skills, resources, support, and safety to join with other women to effectively advocate for women and girls
- For women to develop supportive connections that we can draw upon in our activism and advocacy efforts
- Acknowledge the great things AAWAA and affiliate groups have achieved over the past year, make and consolidate connections, and have fun! 😊

TARGET AUDIENCE

Women who want to work collaboratively with other women to effectively advocate for women and girls.

TOPICS

See program

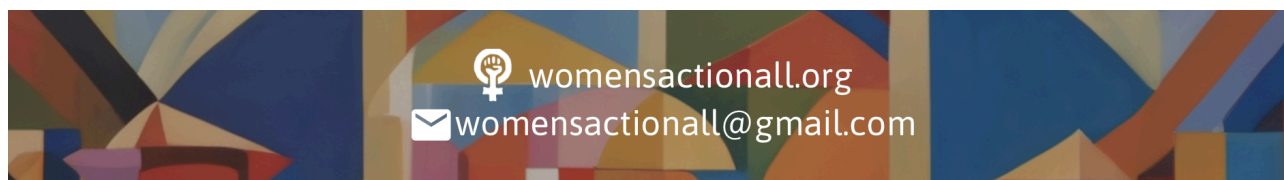
FORMAT

Group discussions with session lead(s), break-out workshop-type groups, lots of note-taking/scribing so we can share what we come up with.

NOTES: We have chosen the term 'summit' to indicate peak, height, attainment, apex, pinnacle – and, of course, as women united we are getting there together, not just as individuals: Dux Femina Facti, each and all of us.

PROGRAM (DRAFT)

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 9 am with 9.30 am hard start	SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 9 am with 9.30 am hard start
9.30 am, SESSION 1: WELCOME TO AAWAA	9.30 am, SESSION 4: PRACTICAL ACTIVISM
<p>Attendees: ALL Topic: Welcome + AAWAA overview, strategy, model Session lead: Simone, Karen <i>Overview (9.30 - 9.50 am)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of AAWAA, how it developed How we operate: our guiding principles Our activism: submissions, letter-writing, on-the-streets activism, useful targets, focussed effort Using the skills and talents of our members (admin, planning, research, writing, organising, etc.) Working with other women's groups and groups that we might disagree with on some issues (e.g., abortion), without compromising our position as feminists <p><i>Workshop/group work (9.50 - 10.40 am + report backs (10.40 - 11 am))</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where have the trans, porn, prostitution, etc., lobbies been successful and what we can learn from them? (e.g., talking to those in positions of power and influence) Where have women's rights campaigners been successful in Australian/international context? 	<p>Attendees: ALL Topic: Practical activism tips and workshop Session lead: Helena and Emma <i>Overview (9.30 - 9.50 am)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30 am <i>Submissions</i>: Choosing which topics/calls to tackle, using Google docs, establishing timelines, deciding who is involved and how, etc. 9.40 am <i>Meetings with govt reps</i>: How to decide who to target, how to request a meeting, preparation, engagement, follow-up 9.50 am <i>Street activism</i>: Deciding on an effective action, choosing a location, making materials, safety and privacy, keeping it legal, debriefing <p><i>Workshop/group work + report backs (9.50 - 10.40 am + report backs (10.40 - 11 am))</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group work: Split into three Report back to the larger group for discussion
11 - 11.20am Morning tea	11 - 11.20am Morning tea
11.20 am - 12.30 pm, SESSION 2: WOMEN'S LIBERATION	11.20 am - 12.30 pm, SESSION 5: TBA
<p>Attendees: ALL Topic: Supporting Women's Liberation Session lead: Katie <i>Overview (11.20 - 11.40 am)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding women's class experience and condition Focussing on the status, protections, rights, dignity, and safety of women and girls Supporting women and creating safe and supportive cultures for women's liberation groups Leadership vs leaderlessness (The tyranny of structurelessness) <p><i>Workshop/group work (11.40 - 12.10 pm + report backs (12.10 - 12.30 pm))</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding, acknowledging, nurturing women's skills, talents, interests; letting women know that their contributions are valued and valuable – because they are! Resourcing and resources Avoiding in-fighting, dealing with discipline and disputes 	<p>Attendees: ALL Topic: TBA Session lead: WAWAA <i>Overview (11.20 - 11.40 am)</i></p> <p>Workshop/group work (11.40 - 12.10 pm + report backs (12.10 - 12.30 pm))</p>
12.30 - 1.30 pm Lunch break	12.30 - 1.30 pm Lunch break



AAWAA 2024 SUMMIT DRAFT PROGRAM

Non-AAWAA participants to leave before afternoon session (but also welcome to join AAWAA!)	
1.30 - 3 pm, SESSION 3: AAWAA PLANNING MEETING	1.30 - 3 pm, SESSION 6: APPLYING WHAT WE'VE LEARNT
<p>Attendees: AAWAA members only Topic: Year in review Session lead: Karen <i>Overview and discussion (1.30 - 2.10 pm)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What we have done, nationally and locally (reports) • What submissions and letters have worked/not worked? • What actions have been most effective in creating change or raising awareness? What has worked or not worked? • What have we spent time and effort on but to little effect? <p>Topic: Year in forecast Session lead: WAAC <i>Small or whole group discussion (2.10 - 3 pm)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we want to focus on in 2025? • How to achieve that • Spreading the load • Recruiting and retaining members, expanding membership base • Presentation of membership badges :) 	<p>Attendees: ALL Topic: Application of what we've learnt Session lead: TBA <i>Overview and discussion (1.30 - 1.45 pm)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of topics <p><i>Small group work (1.45 - 3 pm)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split into small groups • Choose a topic or area to start planning for: a submission, letter, street action, blog post, meeting, • Plan it! • Report back to larger group and commit to following-through
Day wrap-up (3 - 3.30 pm) Session lead: TBA	Summit wrap-up (3 - 3.30 pm) Session lead: TBA

SUNDAY MORNING: A DIRECT-ACTION BANNER DROP, TBA

