



Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

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**Message from your Patron  
Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, AC  
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My warmest greetings to you on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women's Day.

This special milestone provides an opportunity for us to reflect on what we have achieved and the challenges still ahead, as we strive for gender equality.

Together, let us celebrate Australia's pioneering rural women; our professional trailblazers; our leading researchers; our sportswomen and our girls.

This is our day. We must honour those bravehearts who broke down barriers for us; share experiences, stories, warmth, humour, and encourage our young women to seize the future.

I offer my friendship and best wishes to you in your pursuit to enhance the lives of women, their futures and their potential.