

Hunter Region Working Women's Group



Our Vision

Inspiring leadership, championing opportunities for all women in the Hunter

Expressions of Interest

The Hunter Region Working Women's Group (HRWWG) is currently accepting applications for Board of Management (BOM) members.

The HRWWG Board of Management is the governing body for two non-government, not for profit services *The Hunter Women's Centre* and *Six Hats Early Childhood Service*. (see attached service information)

Positions on the Board of Management are held by women with a commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of women and children. The Board is a dynamic group working to further develop the aims and operations of the current services and enhance the range of support offered to women in the Hunter region. Board of Management members come from a diverse range of backgrounds, bringing skills from the fields of law, health, welfare, education, finance, business, social and employment sectors.

Most importantly Board members bring the experience of being women, as mothers, daughters, partners and community members, and share the common purpose of enhancing the capacity for women to reach their full potential.

Positions on the Board are voluntary. Meetings are held monthly (4th Tuesday each month x 11 meetings per year) at the Hunter Women's Centre premises in Mayfield. Half day weekend workshops are held twice a year for activities such as service planning. Additional time commitments for working parties and projects may arise periodically.

Please Note:

- *Board of Management members must meet the requirements of the Australian Securities & Investment Commission (ASIC), and consent to a Criminal Record Check and Working with Children Check (NSW Department of Community Services).*
- *Tenure to the BOM is for a maximum for three (3) years, with option for extension of tenure on application.*

Women interested in joining the HRWWG Board of Management should send an application letter detailing their interest in women's issues and quality childcare with a curriculum vitae and a completed application form to:

HRWWG - Board of Management

C/- Hunter Women's Centre, PO Box 38 Mayfield, 2304.

Or email: hrwwg@hunterlink.net.au

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit our services to learn more about their roles and function. Please contact the Service Managers as follows:

- Six Hats Early Childhood Service, Cherylanne Williams, phone: 49674991
- Hunter Womens Centre, Joanne Hawkins, phone: 49682511

For further enquiries phone: Carolyn Bailey - 49682511

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Hunter Women's Centre - Service Profile

Founded in the early 1970s, the Hunter Women's Centre (HWC) is a well established non - government women's health service for the Newcastle community and outer regions.

The HWC provides a safe environment for services and programs which address domestic violence and abuse, the long term effects of sexual abuse in childhood and adulthood, relationship issues, sexuality, depression and anxiety.

The HWC is recognized in the community for its expertise in these complex issues and takes pride in providing a quality and holistic approach to service delivery, including:

- Assessment, advocacy & referral
- Counselling
- Therapeutic support groups
- Legal advice
- Child minding for women attending groups
- Information and referral
- GP medical consultations (from mid- 2008)

All services are provided free of charge or for a minimal contribution. Priority is given to low income, disadvantaged and marginalized women.

In addition, the HWC provides women with access to a range of low cost complimentary services including: tai chi, dancing classes, therapeutic massage, other special interest and social groups, courses and seminars.

The HWC provides a comprehensive service for the community, delivering a multi-faceted and coordinated approach, working with a wide range of other organizations to ensure that the service is tailored to the needs of each woman and her family.

The HWC was contacted by more than 1,000 women seeking support during the 2006/07 financial year.

The HWC is governed by the Hunter Region Working Women's Group, a not-for profit community organization. The HWC receives a base grant from NSW Health, via Hunter New England Health.

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Six Hats Early Childhood Service - Profile

Six Hats Early Childhood Service is a non profit community based child care service, established in 1976. It was the first child care centre in the Newcastle region. Initially known as "The Hunter Women's Child Care Service", it underwent a change of name in 2004 to reflect the changing philosophies of the service.

The current purpose built centre opened in 1998 and provides a colourful, interactive environment for the children, including a natural outdoor play area.

The centre is licensed for 46 children per day from 6 weeks to 6 years of age. The service receives funding from the Department of Community Services and families using the service are eligible to receive child care benefits. The service is licensed by the Department of Community Services and participates in the National Child Care Accreditation program.

The service is based on the belief that children grow and learn via the partnerships that are formed between families and staff; and in everyday play and interactions with peers and the environment.

Staff of the Six Hats Early Childhood Service are committed to the wellbeing of the children in their care. They demonstrate leadership and innovation in their field, including development of a computer based program that allows parents to access their child's program of care and view digital photos of their child's activities and achievements on a daily basis.

The Six Hats Early Childhood Service is governed by the HRWWG Board of Management. A Parents and Friends Advisory Committee was formed in 2002, to facilitate parent and community input into the operation and ongoing development of the service.

A Special Note re Potential Conflict of Interest

Under ASIC requirements and as the governing body for the Hunter Women's Centre and Six Hats Early Childhood Service it is important that the HRWWG are aware of potential conflict of interest for Directors.

Conflict of interest may arise due to relationships with either service, for example: you are currently receiving services provided by the Hunter Women's Centre, you have a child enrolled at the Six Hats Early Childhood Service, or you have an employment relationship with our primary funding bodies i.e.: NSW Health/Hunter New England Health or the Department of Community Services.

Please advise accordingly if you feel a conflict of interest may be an issue for you, the services or the HRWWG.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF HUNTER REGION WORKING WOMEN'S GROUP BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone(s):	Email:

Experience and interests relevant to board membership. (Attach CV if preferred)

Name, position and contact details of three character referees
Referee 1
Referee 2
Referee 3
Potential Conflict of Interest

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