

Community

“...to embrace the problems, not only of our own people, both here and abroad, but of common humanity” (Dr Fanny Reading)

NCJWA NSW has continuously adapted to the social needs of the time.



Programs and projects

- **MUM FOR MUM NCJWA** – a free-of-charge and non-denominational program matching trained NCJWA volunteers with new mothers who are socially isolated or lack support. Financial support as well as that provided by NCJWA NSW has come from the JCA Haberman & Kulawicz Fund, Wolper Jewish Hospital, Waverley and Woollahra Councils.
- **Wee-Share** - a program associated with MUM FOR MUM NCJWA, collecting near-new baby clothing, toys and blankets, prams and cots to distribute to families in need.
- **Jewish Women’s Breast Cancer Network and Pink Sunday** – In 2005, NCJWA Jewish Women’s Breast Cancer Network was established under the umbrella of Breast Cancer Network Australia. One Sunday each October is nominated as the JWBCN support day for survivors, relatives and friends of Jewish women who have suffered breast cancer. NCJWA’s Pink Sunday continues to raise awareness, educate and fundraise for Breast Cancer Network Australia.
- **Interfaith/Intercultural Program** – Since the 1990s NCJWA NSW has worked to promote interfaith outreach and dialogue. From 2004, the NSW Transcultural Group has organized events and discussions around Harmony Day, special UN days, Human Rights Day, Interfaith Seder, visits to a mosque, synagogue and a Buddhist centre. Over several years NCJWA Transcultural Library has enabled in-depth group study of books and films about various faiths and cultures.
- NCJWA NSW through its **Charity Fund** donates annually to a variety of Jewish and non Jewish organisations and charities.
- **Thrift shops** have raised substantial amounts for NCJWA NSW programs almost since Council’s inception. The first Council Thrift Shop opened in 1929 at the Francis St Rooms, operating in various premises throughout the intervening decades. Council’s last thrift shop, Bondi’s Best Bargains, closed in 2011.
- **Meals on Wheels** - NCJWA NSW members were involved since the 1950s with the general community Meals on Wheels programs run by Sydney and Willoughby City Councils. Later, when the Kosher Meals on Wheels program began, many Council members became volunteer drivers and deliverers.
- **Talking Books for the Blind** was a community service involving many Council volunteers, for more than a decade.
- Public Hospital visiting involved many Council members for decades; Wolper Hospital visiting and flower arranging was also an important long term service.
- **Council Shabbat** is an annual event, first held in 1927, at different synagogues, on Shabbat Zachor ahead of Purim.
- Council introduced community programs including **Council Toastmasters** during the 1990s. **Council Playgroups** were opened at both Council House and North Shore Synagogue.
- **La Perouse HIPPY Program** (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) began with the support of NCJWA NSW.
- **NCJWA Mentoring Women in Business** provided professional guidance between 2004-2008 for Jewish women entering or returning to the workforce.



Thrift Shop

8th Conference

Woollahra Council Citizenship Award 2013 presented to MUM FOR MUM

CJW - original name of organisation
NCJW - refers to National Body, now known as NCJWA
NCJW NSW & NCJWA NSW - refer to NSW Division