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COMMISSIONER'S BULLETIN

International Women's Day Celebrations

Today marks this year's celebration of International Women's Day. Held globally on 8 March each year, International Women's Day celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, present and future. The day also provides an opportunity to recognise the achievements of women, their contribution to our communities and progress towards equality.

To coincide with these celebrations this Office is launching a new addition to the OCPE [website](#). The Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS) has many remarkable women leaders and this website aims to celebrate, connect and promote women across the sector. The website also provides resources on a range of topics relating to women in the workforce and gender equality. I urge you to visit the website at your earliest convenience.

The NTPS has a proud history of advancing women into leadership positions with good reason. Women hold 44% of senior management positions, an increase from 15% in 1994, and make up 63% of the total NTPS workforce. With the number of women in senior positions approaching equal gender representation, the NTPS continues to lead other jurisdictions in the development of women leaders.

In celebrating the achievements of women in the NTPS, I am pleased to acknowledge that around 20 Indigenous women have recently completed the [Lookrukin Indigenous Women's Leadership Program](#). I am also pleased to confirm that, for the 13th consecutive year, my office will be running the [Discovery Women in Leadership Program](#), due to commence in July this year.

Today also marks the commencement of an array of activities to celebrate this occasion. I encourage you all to visit the International Women's Day calendar of [events](#) across the Territory to look for activities in your region.



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