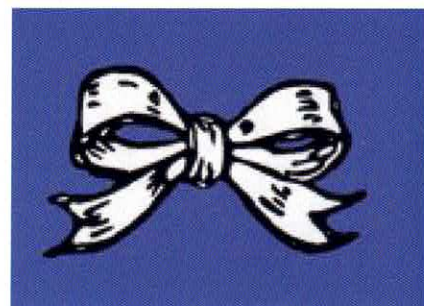


# WHITE RIBBON SIGNAL



## Prayer Matters

Remember to pray at NOON every day for the worldwide WCTU work. Pray for - Convention in October; a renewed vision for Australia WCTU; for young women to join; for the young people who commit to sobriety; for lawmakers; for India's crisis with Covid-19; for WCTU National and World leaders.

## Education

Sarah Oh, the WWCTU Education director, has provided an excellent 17-page resource - 'A guide to understanding the facts about alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and the environment.' Take a look and use the information to share with your network. [www.wwctu.org/resources](http://www.wwctu.org/resources)

## Did you know ....

**1884** Mrs Mary Leavitt of Boston, Massachusetts, USA, the first round-the-world missionary visited Victoria, Australia. **1891** First World's WCTU Convention in Boston, USA. **1892** First National WCTU of Australia Convention in Melbourne, on May 25. First White Ribbon Signal (WRS) published November 7.



## Editorial - Mavis Gerrish, Newcastle Circle

We forget the truth suggested by our Lord's use of five loaves and two small fish in John 6:1-13. Each of us has something important to offer in His service.

A story is told of a famous conductor with an orchestra assembled and a choir in rehearsal. About half way through the session, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, violins and other instruments and the choir in full swing, the piccolo player muttered to himself, "What good am I doing? Nobody can hear me anyway." So he kept his instrument to his mouth, but made no sound! Within moments the conductor cried "Stop, stop! Where is the piccolo?" The piccolo, the smallest member of the flute family was missed by the most important person of all, the conductor.

It is much the same way in the use of our abilities for the Lord. Whether our talent is great or small, the whole performance is not complete until we do our best with what we have.





## News from all over

**Cooranbong, NSW** More than 10 years ago there was a thriving group of WCTU members in this town. On April 12, 2021 sixteen excited women met to discuss plans for a reopening of this dynamic group. They will be attached to the Newcastle Circle Union. Elma Coombe, seen above, was the last president of this group. She is now 101 and urges us on.

**Northern Territory** - WCTU has been part of the campaign to stop the building of a Dan Murphy alcohol outlet near Darwin. This is a victory for the Aboriginal community there who have fought against this intrusion into this 'dry' area.

**Victoria** continues to be a dynamic working Union. They are invited to write a 2-page editorial for the DFA (Drug Free Australia) magazine called Youth Wise which goes to state schools; Anne has been interviewed by FARE (Foundation Alcohol Research and Education) for one hour about WCTU; Dawn Stark and Jan Shattock are Drug-Ed educators and spoke to a former MP which can lead to more.

**NZ Convention** was held in Auckland during May and they looked at their significant history and made plans for the future. Joy Butler and Michelle Down were able to attend via Zoom and shared what Victoria and NSW are doing and about a stronger lead in temperance matters needed in Samoa. NZ WCTU determined to help that happen.

**PNG** WCTU is focussing more efforts on reaching children with the temperance message. Thanks to Newcastle Circle Union, NSW, for their support.

NEWS .....**Donation to Worthwhile Service** - WCTU Australia Ltd has recently made a large donation to the Delhuntie Youth Care programme in Bulahdelah, NSW. It provides holistic adventure therapy programmes for young people. They have run programmes across Australia and overseas, assisting thousands of young people with life's struggles and helping them positively reset their lives.

They help free young people from depression, anxiety, low self-worth, anger and boredom. They then help them be transformed by providing perceived risk programmes in a safe, loving and supportive environment. Delhuntie's programmes can truly restore and change lives!

The founders, Elwyn and Helen Scale first travelled around Australia meeting and serving young people addicted to drugs and alcohol. From that encounter they set up their care centre which has now helped thousands of young people find freedom and life and hope. See their website for current information [www.delhuntie.org.au](http://www.delhuntie.org.au)

**May 31 - World No Tobacco Day** Smoking Kills - A cigarette contains - Acetic Acid (vinegar), Acetone (nail polish remover), Ammonia (toilet cleaner), Arsenic (poison), Butane (lighter fluid), Cadmium (batteries), Carbon monoxide (car exhaust), Car fuel, Hexamine (barbecue starter), Methane gas, Methanol (rocket fuel), Nicotine (insecticide), Paint, Stearic Acid (candle wax), Toluene (industrial solvent) Make Every day - World No Tobacco Day. Thanks to White Ribbon Bulletin for this - Vol 116, No. 1

Health is not  
everything but without  
health, everything is  
nothing.

Be brighter - put down  
the lighter.

## COME TO LIFE - COME ALIVE

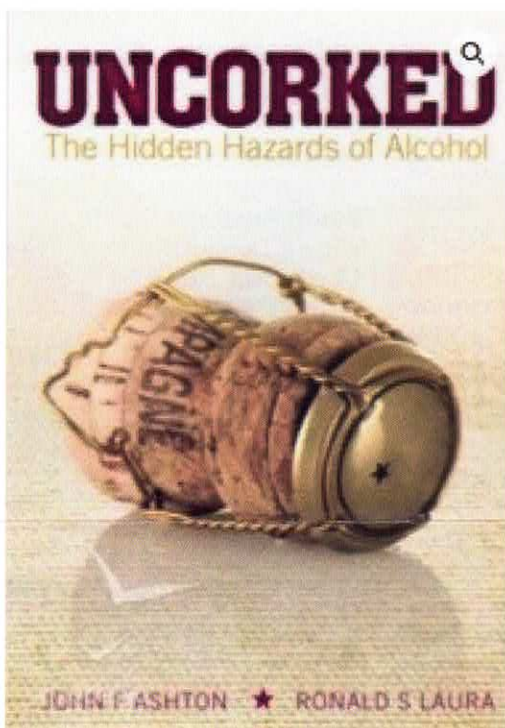
The **National Triennial Convention for 2021** is being held in the beautiful city of **Adelaide, 12-14 October**. You are invited and urged to come to the 43rd National Convention for WCTU Australia Ltd. Accommodation will be in chalets. Breakfasts will be in your chalet - no need to come to another venue.

**Speakers** include Senator Alex Antic, Professor Maggie Brady, Bronwyn Mison, Paulette Cairns from Rahab Ministries, other experts and guests from Adelaide. On one afternoon we will visit and enjoy tea at the WCTU unique tea rooms in Adelaide. This is a new and beautiful ministry that WCTU South Australia has begun and it is effective.

Registration is now open and forms are available online and by post. Contact WCTU, Joy Butler or Glenda Amos for details. [www.wctu.org.au](http://www.wctu.org.au) **Register now** - and please note these time deadlines:

- ❖ June 1 Application form lodged to register your intention to attend.
- ❖ July 1 Non-refundable registration fee of \$50 for all attendees paid to secure your place.
- ❖ September 1 Convention balance paid to confirm your attendance and finalise bookings.

If there are difficulties because of Covid-19 restrictions, there will be refunds available but book now to ensure your place and to help us plan. Pray that it will all take place and be a blessing. We will address the current situation and needs of WCTU Australia Ltd. We want and need your input.



### UNCORKED - available at \$3 only

This is a valuable book filled with information that is still current and concerning for our nation. It can be shared widely - at your church or club, in the school near you, for your children and grandchildren or any other promotion you may wish to have. It is available to buy in boxes of 32 for \$3 each. Postage extra.

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Talk to Nathan Brown or Alysia Craddock

**The World WCTU** provides project kits based on the current 17 UN Sustainability Goals that are appropriate for WWCTU. Those goals are - No Poverty; Zero hunger; Good health and well-being; Quality Education; Gender Equality; Clean Water and Sanitation; Affordable and Clean Energy; Decent Work and Economic Growth; Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; Reduced Inequality; Sustainable Cities and Communities; Responsible Consumption and Production; Climate Action; Life below Water; Life on Land; Peace and Justice Strong Institutions; Partnership to achieve the Goal. Check the WWCTU for the kits. [www.wwctu.org/resources](http://www.wwctu.org/resources)

## URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

### PROTECT WHO (World Health Organization) FROM ALCOHOL INDUSTRY INTERFERENCE

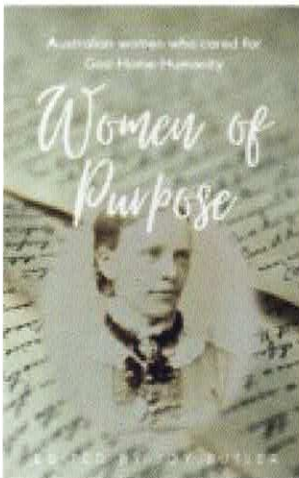
In March 2021, the alcohol industry, along with the tobacco and arms industries was still included on the red list specifying those industries that are completely off limits for WHO Foundation to accept donations and gifts from.

However, a change was made to that policy and quietly posted to the website of the WHO Foundation in April this year. Now the alcohol industry is "orange listed" - allowing them to make gifts to the WHO Foundation.

Communities as well as researchers who care about the independence of WHO are deeply concerned about this development. In a scientific commentary they cautioned:

"It is not difficult to envisage a scenario in which donations from alcohol, for example, come to exceed the extremely modest provision in the WHO budget for alcohol control."

You can protest and you are urged to do so - go to our website - [www.wctu.org.au](http://www.wctu.org.au)



### 'Women of Purpose'

Our newest book is here for you - *Women of Purpose* - edited by Joy Butler - about women who have been members of WCTU Australia during much of the 20th Century. The stories are inspirational. Thanks to Anne Bergen for the idea and for dedicating her life to this cause. You can buy this on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) - type in - 'women of purpose butler'

We plan to have some hard copies for sale at Convention in Adelaide in October.

**Finally** - a message from the World President, Margaret Ostenstad and Reverend Irja Eskelinen, Finland - a prayer - 'God of Light' the Psalmist wrote, 'though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me. Thank you for walking with me through every valley I endured. I pray as I tread through this current valley, that You would once again be my Light in the darkness. Thank you that Your presence is a constant source of encouragement. Amen.'

**Immunity Boost Detox Smoothie** - 1 cup fresh carrot juice, 2 oranges, 1 cup frozen mango, 1 cup ice - Blend together.

See more on [Pinterest](#) - Non-alcohol Drinks - WCTU

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