

# The Age of Suff-Rage

Celebrating the Centenary of Women's Suffrage in Victoria 1908-2008

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NEWS OF THE DAY

## VOTES FOR WOMEN - At last after twenty bills!

### Victorian Women Vote

The Deputy Premier the Honourable Rob Hulls, the Minister for Women's Affairs, the Honourable Maxine Morand and women from all over Victoria will descend on Federation Square to celebrate the 100 years of women's suffrage in Victoria (today). Angela Pippas will MC the event with entertainment by the Women's Circus, Australian Girls Choir. On site at Federation Square is the Museum Tram full of information on the history of *Victorian Women Vote*. Artists Ursula Dutkiewicz and Fern Smith have joined forces to deliver the first edition of *The Age of Suff-Rage* newspaper.



Above: At the Regional Launch Castlemaine Gallery is the Honourable Maxine, Moran Minister for Women Affairs (centre) with artists Ursula Dutkiewicz (right) and Fern Smith (left), they are surrounded by Ursula's suffragists.

### Regional Announcement

On Friday the eighth of February, Ursula and I motored to Castlemaine to the announcement of the regional grants for *Victorian Women Vote* activities for 2008. Minister for Women's Affairs, the Honourable Maxine Morand opened the occasion with a great speech honouring the past and transforming the future. Invited by Haddon and District Community House to be present the announcement of *Real Gold - Women of the Woody Yaloak* - at the launch. We will be running artist workshops later in the year for the *Real Gold - Women of the Woody Yaloak*; a community project for women, children and the wider community.

Updates: [www.women.vic.gov.au](http://www.women.vic.gov.au)



Above: the Honourable Candy Broad, Minister for Housing meets the suffragists at the Regional launch in Castlemaine

### Did you know?

*Suffragist* is a person advocating suffrage particularly to women. *Suffrage* is the right to vote in elections. *Franchise* is the right to

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## The Age of Suff-Rage TRAVELLING ART INSTALLATION

*Coming to Your Town Soon*

Artists Ursula Dutkiewicz and Fern Smith have joined forces creating *The Age of Suff-Rage* travelling art installation. One hundred ceramic suffragists along with a commemorative banner will be used to demonstrate the courage and determination of the women whose rage brought about the vote for Victorian women. The project illustrates the amazing time when women broke the chains that tied them to the house by becoming political and realizing their power. In Victoria the struggle was harder and took far longer to achieve, being the last state in Australia to give women the vote, as the senate kept blocking bills enabling women's suffrage.

### Project Artists

#### URSULA DUTKIEWICZ

Gasworks Ceramic Artist Ursula Dutkiewicz has worked as a professional artist since completing a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the Victorian College of the Arts in 1993. She is currently a resident artist at the Gasworks Arts Park ceramic studio. Her work ranges from sculpture, ceramic paintings, murals and a range of high fired functional wares. She also creates work for commissions, community projects, residences and designs workshops for people of all ages and abilities.

#### FERN SMITH

Fern Smith is journeying on the rich diverse use of women artists and demonstration banners from 1870's to 1920 in Australia, England, and



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America. A banner is a rallying point, a visual form of identity, a carrion call and symbol to re-interpret both genres. Smith an established and accomplished artist utilizes many mediums to convey fragility and respect for the individual, the content informed from extensive research. Smith works held in private collections in England, America and throughout Australia.

### Did you know?

Henrietta Dugdale a pioneer of the woman's movement in Victoria from 1869. In 1884, she was president of the first Victorian Woman's Suffrage Society in Victoria, the first women's suffrage society in the world.

The Electoral Act of 1863 enfranchised **all** ratepayers listed on local municipal rolls that included women. Women could vote and they did in 1864. This was changed, as men did not want women, voting and in 1865, it was changed excluding women from voting to male ratepayers only.

Millie Gertrude Peacock Victoria's first female representative in Parliament, 11 November 1933.

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