

WAR WIDOWS' GUILD OF AUSTRALIA INC.

CALLING ALL WAR WIDOWS - WE NEED YOU!

The group was formed in 1945 so why is it relevant to you? Because our founder Jessie Mary Vasey worked tirelessly to assist war widows in the form of teaching skills, often leading to employment, child minding and advocacy for improved pensions and medical assistance. Not content with these achievements Mrs Vasey established affordable housing in each state and later nursing homes. She fought hard with politicians and government bureaucrats of the day, sometimes over many years just to obtain benefits that should have been automatically granted. It was finally recognised that War Widows are the main mourners at any commemoration. Most importantly the avenues for friendship and social support contributed to well being.

Today we have most of our needs attended to and maybe don't feel the need to join groups such as ours. Without membership we lose our voice and without a voice we cannot advocate to retain or improve the benefits and services we have come to depend on. What happens when we age and begin to need more assistance? Will the services still be there for us?

Please consider joining the War Widows' Guild so we remain a voice in the future;

*We all belong to each other
We all need each other
It is in serving each other
And in sacrificing for our common good
That we are finding our true life.*

(Guild Motto - King George V1, Extract from Christmas Message 1941)

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