

23rd FEBRUARY 2006 ATTENTION: NEWS DESKS, COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REPORTERS



International Women's Day Fair March 5th 2006

International Women's Day, observed in Australia since 1928, will be celebrated in Melbourne with a Fair on Sunday March 5th, 2006, from 12 – 5pm.

The **International Women's Day Fair** will take place at **CERES**, Lee St., Brunswick. The Fair will showcase a diverse range of women's talents, with musical acts, speakers, an art exhibition, moving image media and stalls all planned for the big day. A range of special activities have been scheduled for children. There will be food stalls and a licensed bar.

Headline acts include **Ria Soemardjo, Pikelet, La Voce della Luna, 3 Cat Pileup, Brunswick Women's Choir,** and **Sam Burke and the Wifeys**; speakers include **Marg D'Arcy** and **Jane Ashton**; **Trick Star Circus** will entertain; **Chaos Fairies** will perform for the children - **more acts to be confirmed.** An **Exhibition of women's Art, Workshops** and **moving Image Media with short Flicks and Video clips** will keep you entertained.

Stalls will provide information about a wide range of services and sell a variety of handcrafts, clothes, jewellery, and other services.

International Women's Day dates back to 1910 internationally, and 1928 in Australia, when a rally was held to campaign for better working conditions for women. International Women's Day is a time for celebrating women's lives, while also recognising that discrimination against women on the basis of their gender is still widespread throughout the world.

The International Women's Day Fair provides an opportunity to express our freedom, flexibility, diversity and fresh attitudes. In this spirit, we present an event for women to simply enjoy being women, and for everyone to celebrate women's achievements and affirm women's political, economic and social rights.

"With this fair, we simultaneously recognise the struggle ahead of us and offer women a warm, fun space to step back and enjoy their achievements," says Ada Conroy, a founding member of the International Women's Day Collective.

CERES is at 8 Lee Street, East Brunswick, gold coin donations welcome at the gate.

For further information contact: iwd_melb@yahoo.com.au
www.vicnet.net.au/~wfair