



Centre for Leadership Achievement Awards for Women (2008)

As the Minister for Women's Interests I support the Achievement Awards scheme run by the Centre for Leadership for Women. It is important we recognise those women who are using their time, effort and talents to make their communities right across the nation better places to live, work and play.

Here in Western Australia, I know that one of finalists for this award last year, Liz Everand from the Women's HealthWorks Body Esteem Project, has improved the physical and mental health of many Perth women by working with patients suffering and recovering from eating disorders.

I would like to acknowledge the 2008 award finalists and winners who are all outstanding. They are all making a real difference to the lives of other women in a variety of ways, including: increasing public awareness about the true costs of unpaid care in the community, raising funds to give scholarships to women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and women tackling head-on the affects of climate change.

In the last 12 months alone, Australia women have certainly made some great 'first milestone' advances— our first female Deputy Prime Minister, our first female High Court Judge, our first female Governor General and our first female Anglican Bishop.

While achievements such as these are wonderful, I truly hope that one day occurrences like these will not be cited with such awe, and that one day they will be commonplace.

Having read about the wonderful work of the 2008 Centre for Leadership winners and finalists, I am confident that we will not have to wait too long for that day to arrive!

Yours sincerely

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