

Barbara Polkinghorne Memorial Award



International Women's Day
Association SA Inc

An award for service to women through literature and skill with words

Award criteria

- The Award is directed at acknowledging a South Australian woman who in her field of endeavour promotes the rights of and advancement of the status of women;
- In memory of Barbara Polkinghorne's brilliance as a writer and her passionate commitment to social and political commentary, the Award's primary purpose is to recognise a contribution to literature, the media, the arts and sciences. This will not prevent the recognition of women in other fields where their work and passion has made a difference to the lives of other women;
- The recipient must support the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the general principle of the right of women to make their own choices as to their own sexuality and to their own fertility;
- Care will be taken to consider the nominations of women who, like Barbara Polkinghorne herself, did not find it easy to gain recognition or outlets for their creativity.



Winners and their
nominators will be
notified by email
from the IWD Committee
before 8 March 2021

The Barbara Polkinghorne Memorial Trust Award

The award criteria will be relied upon in the selection of the Barbara Polkinghorne Award recipients

Nominations will be called for publicly each year

Nominations can be submitted electronically to
awardscommittee@iwdcommitteesa.org.au

The Committee will consider all nominations in line with the Award criteria

For further information contact Award Subcommittee awards@iwdcommitteesa.org.au

Forward nomination papers to:

Post **IWD Association SA Inc.
PO Box 488
Torrensville Plaza SA 5031**

Email awards@iwdcommitteesa.org.au

Fax **08 8352 1266**

Closing date: 14 February 2021

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website www.iwdcommitteesa.com.au

Barbara Polkinghorne

1914 - 1988

Barbara Polkinghorne was the daughter of Leonora Polkinghorne, a noted early feminist, who stood for Parliament in South Australia in 1930.

Barbara spent her life advocating and working for the rights of women, the need for child protection and for education.

She had a varied and colourful work experience, from production line work to volunteering in women's refuges. Barbara trained as a journalist and worked in the newspaper industry, developing strong and clear views about the portrayal of women in the media. She was a prolific correspondent.

As a furious defender of the rights of women, an unapologetic supporter of the tenets of women's liberation and a firm believer that women needed to maintain and extend their commentary on society and politics, her *Cassandra* column for the Women's Electoral Lobby Newsletter was clear, concise and often cutting and was popular reading for women all over Australia.

A group of her feminist friends established the Barbara Polkinghorne Award in 1989. The Award was directed to honouring South Australian women writers in literature, the arts and sciences, or in areas that specifically advanced the status of women, with special emphasis on the efforts of those women undertaking new and significant work.

Past winners have been historians, newspaper and technology writers, media journalists, scientists, botanists, poets, publishers, and language specialists and historian-genealogists amongst Aboriginal women.

