

Women celebrated

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Speakers from a wide variety of backgrounds and occupations presented at the International Women's Day Celebration on Wednesday 11 March, hosted by WASEMA at the North Dandenong Neighbourhood House.

65 women and children from around the city of Dandenong had the opportunity to hear these leaders inspiring stories.

Speakers shared messages along the theme

"each for equal", focusing on how to manage their professional and personal leadership skills.

Of particular note were speeches by the federal member for La Trobe, Jason Wood, and the Minister for Women, Prevention of Family Violence, and Youth, Gabrielle Williams.

Ms Williams discussed the recent Gender Equality Act's role in breaking down barriers of discrimination and gender in the workplace, focusing on how the improved policies pro-

grams and services it bring should lead to better results for the Victorian community.

According to Nika Suwarsih, WASEMA's Head of Community Development, the Celebration was an opportunity for women to remember the power of recognising their accomplishments.

"Women should celebrate every day their big and small achievements as all achievements are special and impactful."



Gabrielle Williams and Jason Wood cut a cake each. 205113



Indonesian dancer Indah Dwitari. 205113



Minister for Women Gabrielle Williams presents at the WASEMA Celebration.