

# Barbara Polkinghorne Memorial Award



International Women's Day  
Association SA Inc

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

- 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 or 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.



**Barbara Polkinghorne** (1914 - 1988) 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.

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.

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**NOMINEE**

Name

Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

Organisation (if applicable)

Brief background information

Details of community work, involvement and activities - please refer to specified qualities as listed  
- maximum 500 words

**NOMINATED BY (PERSON / ORGANISATION)**

Name

Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

**Please note** We ask all nominators to inform the nominee of their nomination

**Forward nomination papers to:**

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For further information contact Award Subcommittee

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**Closing date:**

**15 February 2024**

**Winners and their nominators will be notified by email from the IWD Committee before 28 February 2024**