

FOR LEADING FEMINIST CHANGES  
IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

## A LEADERSHIP AWARD

Over three decades Sharron McKinnon has been a passionate advocate for women and children experiencing domestic violence.

A Women's Support Worker, and then Manager at the Jessie Street Domestic Violence Service, Sharron initiated projects which continue to enhance services for women. She produced resources and programs to raise awareness of domestic and family violence affecting older women and incarcerated women. She oversaw the installation of the first on-site pet accommodation program in NSW for women seeking refuge with their companion animals.

As a founding member and spokesperson for the Coalition for Women's Refuges she has conducted extensive research into current refuges. She has organised events to publicise the devastating impact of the GOING HOME STAYING HOME plan. To raise the spirits of refuge workers she started the SINGING OUT STRONG WOMEN'S CHOIR which meets weekly.

Sharron McKinnon has made a feminist difference by her leadership in the struggle against domestic violence.



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