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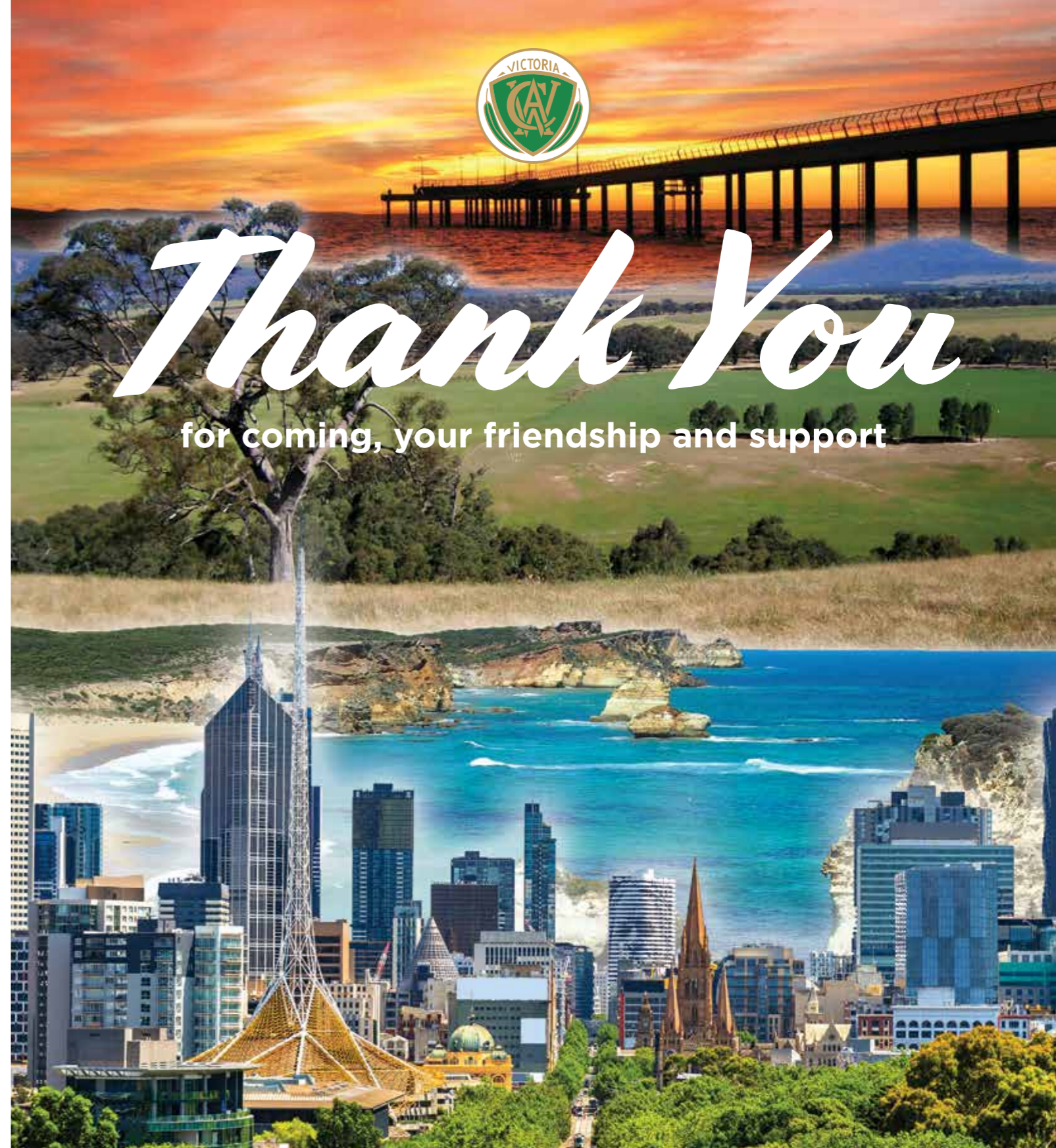
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ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD
29TH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE
4TH - 10TH APRIL 2019 | MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE
Hosted by The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.





A Message From The Premier

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Melbourne for the Associated Country Women of the World's 29th Triennial Conference.

In every corner of our state, and by every measure, the Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. (CWA of Victoria) has profoundly changed the lives of rural and regional Victorians.

At this Conference, that work extends to a global-scale.

Members from around the world, united in shaping a stronger, fairer and more connected future for women and girls – wherever they live.

To the dedicated members of The CWA of Victoria who have worked so hard in making this event a reality, my congratulations.

And to those attendees visiting Victoria from interstate or overseas, I hope you enjoy your stay.

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



A Message From The President

It is with great pleasure as State President of The Country Women's Association of Victoria and leader of the Host Society I welcome you all to The Associated Country Women of The World (ACWW) 29th Triennial Conference in Melbourne.

The Conference was hosted in Melbourne in 1962, some 57 years ago, and I am also delighted to welcome everyone to this wonderful, informative conference again.

It is time to catch up once again with our friends with whom we share so much in common, and a huge welcome to those attending their first world conference.

It seems such a long time ago when in 2016, in Chennai, India, The Country Women's Association of Victoria was successful in our bid to hold the 2019 ACWW World Conference in Victoria. Since that time much work has been done by many to promote the ACWW Conference, The Country Women's Association of Victoria and our wonderful part of the World.

The ACWW Triennial Conference Committee and the Victorian Conference Organising Committee have worked hard to present to 670 participants a conference with over 84 countries represented, to embrace women from all walks of life, to offer friendship to our sister societies, to offer support to those women, children and families especially from those in countries who rely on our support.

There are not enough thanks I can give to the members of the Victorian Conference Organising Committee for the time, effort, friendship, support that has been given over the past few years working together on such a large event.

Junior members of The Country Women's Association of Victoria will proudly carry the flags of the countries involved and this will be a once in a lifetime experience for them. Promoting young people is a very important part of our Association.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria has been supported by significant sponsors including the Victorian State

Government to assist us bring this conference to Melbourne. The support of such sponsors gives us all the opportunity to gather, learn and discuss issues impacting on women, children, families and communities across the world and make a difference.

I would like to acknowledge all those members and volunteers who once again generously give their time to help. To all those members who have donated such lovely handmade items such as koalas, kangaroos, bookmarks, cards, bags and many more, a huge thank you. The contributions and support by our members and volunteers helps make events like this enjoyable and successful.

The Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre is world renowned and it is a privilege to hold a conference in such a state of the art centre with the assistance of their wonderful staff.

Lynette Harris OAM
President of The Country Women's Association of Victoria

