

## Amnesty NSW Branch AGM Notice

Dear Amnesty International NSW member

Enclosed is your invitation to our 2018 NSW Branch Annual General Meeting, which I do hope you can attend, on **Saturday 19 May**. At the AGM you will have an opportunity to share skills and experiences, hear updates on the movement of which you are an integral part, and participate in our stewardship of Amnesty International in NSW.

Over the past year, members and supporters of the NSW Branch have once again displayed passion and commitment to strengthening human rights, both domestically and internationally. Your persistence, integrity and courage in shining a light on human rights abuses, even when times are hard and discouraging, make the ongoing work of Amnesty International Australia possible.

In the past year activists have continued to work against the injustice of Australia's policies on refugees and people seeking asylum, and the refusal of policy-makers to accept our country's responsibility for their ongoing inhumane treatment and physical, emotional and mental suffering.

Our campaign for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's rights, Community is Everything, has continued to highlight the need for community-led initiatives to reduce the disproportionately high numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in detention.

This past year we have also had reasons to celebrate. The public debate on the right to marriage equality for the LGBTIQI community was painful and emotional, but the sheer joy of a majority 'yes' vote and the passing of the Same-Sex Marriage Bill will stay with our activists and supporters.

As we progress through 2018, Community is Everything and refugee rights will continue to be priorities. The recently launched global Brave campaign will focus on protecting the rights of human rights defenders who find themselves under threat, simply for speaking out against human rights abuses.

We have a long road ahead, and I look forward to us standing together to make Amnesty International an unstoppable movement, defending more lives and inspiring outstanding passion and commitment in our many supporters.

Carol King  
Branch President  
Amnesty International NSW



# AGENDA

## AMNESTY NSW BRANCH AGM

19 May 2018 at NSW Action Centre

Level 1, 79 Myrtle St Chippendale NSW

8:45	<b>Registration</b>	
9:15	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome to Country</li><li>• NSW Branch President's Welcome</li><li>• Adoption of Standing Orders</li><li>• Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the 2017 Branch AGM and 2018 agenda</li><li>• Election of Returning Officer</li></ul>	13:30 <b>Choose your representatives</b> Elections for positions on the NSW Branch Committee and delegates to the National AGM
9.35	<b>NSW Branch President's Report</b>	14:00 <b>Social Change Lab workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New to Amnesty</li><li>• Current activist</li><li>• Convener/Organiser</li></ul>
9:55	<b>National updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2017 -2018 Reports from National President and National Director</li><li>• Report from National Treasurer and Chief Operating Officer</li><li>• Responses to Questions on Notice</li></ul>	14:55 <b>Regional awards</b> June Fassina and Louise Brown Youth Activism awards
10:40	<b>Morning tea</b>	15:05 <b>Motions to BAGM</b>
11:00	<b>Social Change Lab workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New to Amnesty</li><li>• Current activist</li><li>• Convener/Organiser</li></ul>	15:15 <b>Afternoon tea</b>
12:00	<b>Meet the candidates</b> For the NSW Branch Committee and delegates to the National AGM	15:30 <b>Announcement of election results</b>
12:45	<b>Lunch</b> Branch action	15:45 <b>Discussion of motions to NSW Branch AGM</b>
		16:10 <b>Future directions / Looking to the future</b> Rethinking AIA governance
		17:30 <b>Close of Branch AGM 2018</b>

## REGISTER NOW

All members and supporters are most welcome. Assistance with travel and accommodation expenses is available for members and supporters from Regional NSW. There is no cut off for RSVPs, however for catering and/or flight purposes please register by **Friday 4 May** at [amnesty.org.au/nswbagm](http://amnesty.org.au/nswbagm).

## AWARDS

The June Fassina Award is an annual meritorious service award recognising significant contribution to activism over at least five years. The NSW Award nominations can be made online at [amnesty.org.au/nswbagm](http://amnesty.org.au/nswbagm) by 11 May.

The NSW Branch Committee also awards the Louise Brown Youth Activism Award for outstanding youth activists. Nominate at [amnesty.org.au/nswbagm](http://amnesty.org.au/nswbagm) by 11 May.

## VOTING RIGHTS

Financial members living in NSW have the opportunity to put forward motions to the AGM and to vote.

Join at [www.amnesty.org.au/membership](http://www.amnesty.org.au/membership), or you can check your membership status with Supporter Relations on 1300 300 920. Individuals who are not on the membership list as of **11 May 2018** will not be entitled to vote.

Each Branch member entitled to a vote at a Branch AGM may vote in person or by proxy. A proxy must be a member of Amnesty International Australia. A proxy need not be in any particular form provided it is in writing, legally valid and signed or executed under the seal of the appointer.

A template proxy is available through: [nswbranchsecretary@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswbranchsecretary@amnesty.org.au). Proxies must be lodged by **9am, 14 May 2018**.

## NOMINATIONS FOR BRANCH COMMITTEE POSITIONS AND NATIONAL AGM DELEGATES

Nominations for the 2018 NSW Branch Committee and for delegates to the 2018 National Annual General Meeting can be made by **9am, 17 May 2018** to [nswbranchsecretary@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswbranchsecretary@amnesty.org.au).

Alternatively, nominations can be submitted in writing to NSW Branch Secretary, Amnesty International, Locked Bag 23, Broadway NSW 2007. For assistance and eligibility criteria, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Positions available for election on the 2018 Branch Committee are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Representative and general members. Both the Branch President and Regional Representative positions are for a two-year term, while all other positions on the BC are for one year. Amnesty International Australia members at the BAGM will also elect three voting delegates to the National AGM and two (non-voting) observers.

All members of the Branch Committee and the NAGM delegates must be financial members of Amnesty International Australia.

## MOTIONS TO BRANCH AGM

Proposed motions should be put in writing and emailed to the Branch Secretary [nswbranchsecretary@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswbranchsecretary@amnesty.org.au) or mailed to Branch Secretary, Amnesty International, Locked Bag 23 Broadway NSW 2007 by **5pm, 11 May 2018**.

## CONTACT

If you have any queries or need more information please contact the Branch Secretary at [nswbranchsecretary@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswbranchsecretary@amnesty.org.au) or at Locked Bag 23, Broadway NSW 2007.



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