

*Bankstown identity Mamma Lena (far left) was in Canberra recently to attend an anniversary lunch for the National Women's Advisory Council (NWAC). The NWAC was in its time a bold experiment to give women a direct voice in Parliament. Whilst in Canberra, Lena had the opportunity to meet Irish president, Mary McAleese (second from right), who was lunching with Prime Minister Howard. Mrs McAleese had requested to meet the NWAC and its oldest surviving member, Mamma Lena.*



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