



**Annual State Conference  
30 April – 4 May 2018**

**New England Girls' School, Armidale**

**MOTIONS FOR DEBATE**

**Association Activities**

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**1a) Central Western, Far Western, Monaro and Wollondilly Groups:**

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for 2018-2019 be Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (a form of children's brain cancer)".

**1b) Blue Mountains and South West Groups:**

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for 2018-2019 be Alzheimer's Disease".

**1c) Nepean and Phillip Groups:**

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for 2018-2019 be Endometriosis".

**Agricultural/Environmental**

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**2. Bingara Branch, Gwydir Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for, as a matter of urgency, the creation and implementation of a strategic management plan to protect the health and sustainability of communities and environments affected by the feeding and roosting of the Grey Headed Flying Fox".

**3. Berry Branch, Wollondilly Group**

"That the policy of the CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for and support efforts to control, by culling, the feral cat population of Australia".

**4. Bowral Branch, Wollondilly Group**

"That the policy of the CWA of NSW shall be to support and encourage the proposed audit and assessment of the NSW section of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and the Federal Government overview and assessment of the full Murray- Darling Basin Plan".

**5. Dunedoo Branch, Castlereagh Country Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to encourage all retailers to use containers and bags made from alternatives to plastic".

## **6. Terramungamine Branch, Macquarie Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be that all rams sold through sale yards be 'for slaughter only' unless accompanied by veterinary certification that they are brucellosis free".

## **7. Stanwell Park Branch, Illawarra Group**

"That the policy of the CWA of NSW shall be that deer be classified as a pest species to allow the legal culling of these animals".

## **Education**

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## **8. Pleasant Hills Branch, Riverina Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for Early Childhood Education and Care Services to be recognised under the legislation as Australian registered schools, therefore ensuring university qualified early childhood teachers who work in both formal school settings and/or early childhood settings are recognised and acknowledged for their experience, skills and qualifications".

## **9. Sydney City Branch, Phillip Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for the NSW Government to amend their School Uniform Policy so that the option of wearing a gender-neutral uniform (such as pants and shorts for girls) be made mandatory for all schools (both public and private) in NSW. This advocacy includes making representation to the Premier, Deputy Premier and the Minister for Education as well as the Parents and Citizens Association and other relevant school associations calling for amendments to the NSW Government School Uniform Policy".

## **Health & Social Security**

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## **10. Eden Branch, Far South Coast Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be that the Federal Government be urged to ensure equity in the distribution of My Aged Care packages".

## **11. Wagga Wagga Evening Branch, Riverina Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for all medical practitioners to use electronic or digital claiming to allow their patients to receive refunds promptly".

## **12. Moruya Branch, Far South Coast Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for the promotion of awareness of elder abuse".

## **13. Oaklands Branch, Murray Group**

"That CWA of NSW advocate for the inclusion of psychological distress in mental health criteria, under the current Medicare initiatives, for both people living with advanced chronic and terminal illnesses and their families and caregivers."

## **14. Oaklands Branch, Murray Group**

"That CWA of NSW advocate for accredited Mental Health clinicians to be able to provide psychological services in rural communities for people living with advanced chronic and terminal illnesses, their families and caregivers, through Medicare, without a GP referral."

**15. Oaklands Branch, Murray Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for a review of the Medicare benefits payment schedule to include an appropriate and commensurate rural loading or incentive payment for Medicare accredited allied health care professionals working in regional, rural and remote communities".

**16. Albion Park Evening Branch, Illawarra Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to promote the enforcement of the law with regard to female genital mutilation/cutting".

**17. Walgett Branch, Barwon Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for protection against violence and assaults for all health employees".

**18. Kyogle Evening Branch, Far North Coast Group**

"That the policy of the CWA of NSW shall be to support the repeal of Sections 82-84 of the NSW Crimes Act, relating to abortion offences".

**19. Bangalow Branch, Far North Coast Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to campaign for specific housing options for older women faced with homelessness or a housing crisis".

**20. Scone & District Branch, Hunter River Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for stronger and more varied processes for the incomes of separated parents to be independently and regularly checked, to ensure that they are contributing a true share of child support payments".

**Miscellaneous**

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**21. Sydney City Branch, Phillip Group**

"That the policy of the CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for the full funding of Community Legal Centres in line with the recommendations of the 2014 Inquiry Report of the Productivity Commission titled "Access to Justice Arrangements".

**22. Rowena Branch, Barwon Group**

"That the policy of the CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for rural, regional and remote electricity consumers and communities in NSW, regarding the current and potential negative effects of the reforms occurring within the NSW electricity supply and distribution network".

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## 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference Program April - May 2018

*Together – Make it Happen, Make it Matter*

### Sunday, 29 April

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3.30 pm                    Ecumenical Service – Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral

### Monday 30 May

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9.30 am                    **Official Opening – NEGS**

Welcome to Country by Aunty Lesley Widders, Community Elder,  
Anaiwan Nation

National Anthem, CWA Anthem & Motto

Welcome by State President, Apologies & Announcements

Welcome by Mr Simon Murray, Mayor, Armidale Regional Council

Official Opening by His Excellency General The Honourable David  
Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of NSW, accompanied by  
Mrs Linda Hurley

Guest Speakers – The Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier and  
The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Deputy Premier and Southern NSW

New England Conservatorium of Music, New England Singers

11.00 am                    **State President's Address**

**Lunch**

1.00 pm                    **Business Session –NEGS**

Confirmation of Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

*Sponsor Address – Michael Marom, Area General Manager, Telstra*

1.15 pm                    **First Special Meeting**

Medical Research Presentations

Medical Research Fund Cheque Presentation – Lyme Disease  
Association of Australia

Guest Speaker – TBC

**Agenda**

## Tuesday 1 May

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- 9.00 am Business Session – NEGS**  
*Sponsor Address – BreastScreen NSW*  
Confirmation of nomination of Group Representatives to Executive Committee
- State Honorary Secretary's Report
  - State Honorary Treasurer's Report
- Mr Brendan Ryan, Director, Advise & Assist
- Agenda**
- 12.30 pm Lunch**
- 2.00 pm Business Session – NEGS**  
*Address: Rural Mental Health Adversity Program*
- 4.30 pm Country of Study**  
Information Session

## Wednesday 2 May

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- 9.00 am Business Session – NEGS**  
Medical Research Ballot Result announced
- 9.15 am Guest Speaker – 2018 Winner NSW-ACT RIRDC Rural Women's Award (TBC)**  
*Sponsor Address: Mr Mark Bindon, Oaktree Retirement Villages*
- State International Officer's Report
  - State Agricultural and Environmental Officer's Report
- Agenda**
- 12.30 pm Lunch**
- 2.00 pm Business Session - NEGS**  
**Agenda**  
Votes of Thanks  
Introduction of current Group Presidents, new Group Representatives and State Office Bearers
- 5.00 pm Close of Business Sessions**
- 6.30 pm Gala Dinner – Armidale Ex Services Club**

## Thursday 3 May

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- 9.00 am Further Special General Meeting – NEGS**
- 9.30 am State Committee Reports and Award Ceremony**
- Agricultural & Environmental Committee Awards
  - International Awards
  - Cultural Committee Report and Awards
  - Land Cookery Committee Report and Awards

- Handicraft Committee Report and Awards
- Hospital Support Committee Report
- Show Catering Committee Report
- Social Issues Committee Report
- Honorary Editor's Report (including Garry Prize)
- Wagga Daily Advertiser Award
- Past State President's Award
- Australian Event Services Award

**1.00 pm                    Lunch**

**1.30 pm                    Local Tours – depart NEGS**

**Workshops - NEGS**

**9.00 am – 6.00 pm        State Committee Displays - NEGS**

**9.00 am – 9.00 pm        CWA Open House – Armidale Town Hall**

**Friday 4 May**

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**9.00 am – 3.00 pm        State Committee Displays/Workshops – NEGS**

**9.00 am – 6.00 pm        CWA Open House – Armidale Town Hall**