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Back Cover: (left to right, top to bottom): St Mary's Branch Baby Health Centre 1935; Purlawaugh Branch, 1931; Delegates at State Conference, 1930; Newcastle Seaside Home c.1931; State President, Mrs Lander, visit to Mungindi c.1957; CWA-run Service Women's Club Opening, Bayswater House, Kings Cross, 1942; Broken Hill Branch cleaning, 1952; Namoi Group Conference, Edgeroi Woolshed, 1948 Mrs Sharrock centre received five Rankin Springs Branch debutantes trained by Mrs Grahame Group President and Mrs Hefferman, Group President, 1967; Lady Lloyd-Jones, Miss Dorothy Ross - State President, Alderman G. Dial-Mayor of Broken Hill, Mrs C. H. Fraser, State Secretary at the Broken Hill Conference, 1973; Presentation of Ampol Trophy to Boggabri team, 1966; members in Wellington, New Zealand for the ACWW South Pacific Area Conference, 1976; members at a Handicraft Workshop: B. Rowlands, M. Willianson, P. Buchan, P. Cooke J. Borchard c.1980s; Fairfield Branch drama group, 1975 to 1977; PNG Student, Waili Kwalu (second from left) with CWA members who spent four days in Australia on way home from her CWA-sponsored course at the CETC study school in Suva, 1996; Australian Delegates at the ACWW Conference in Canada, 1983; CWA of NSW delegates at the ACWW 24th Triennial Conference in Hobart: Jenny Mitchell Elaine Armstrong, Ruth Shanks, Patricia Irving, Margaret Roberts and Judy Richardson, 2004; Beth Talbot, Leslye Warner catering at the Mangrove Mountain cattle sales, 2003; members inspect a water weed at the Agricultural & Environmental Seminar, 2011; Hospital Support Committee with bags packed ready for distribution, 2019

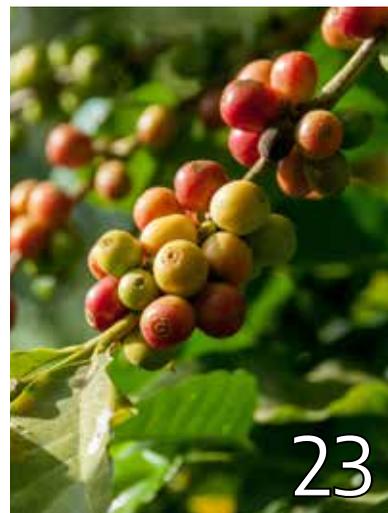
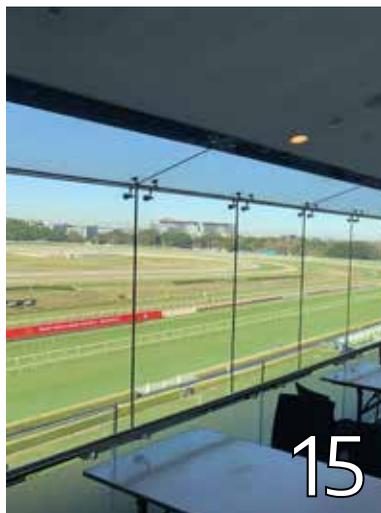
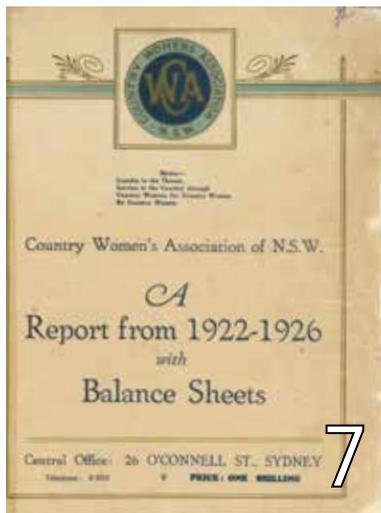
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From the Editor

With the recent celebration of the Sydney Harbour Bridge's 90th birthday, it's incredible to think that the CWA has been supporting women and communities for longer than this iconic and important structure has existed.

Just as the Bridge connects the city and brings it together, the CWA has been playing this role in our communities for 100 years. While I have only been part of the Association for a very small fraction of this (just five short years!), it brings me pride to know of the contribution that we, as CWA members, have made to our country, state and community.

Whether it is welcoming a new member and connecting them with other amazing women, running a fundraiser, discussing and researching Conference motions or advocating for better opportunities, the contribution we are all making as individuals leads to the substantial outputs of the Association—something we can all be proud of.

In reading about and attending 100 year anniversary celebrations recently, it has been wonderful to see that many have focused on the contribution of a founding woman or women and the passion they had for their communities. This is a

timely reminder for us as we move into Conference season of the responsibility we have to debate and decide the advocacy priorities that we will focus on going forward.

As branches and groups get together to review and research motions, and members finalise their talking points to support their submission, I congratulate you for being brave and passionate enough to bring your priorities forward and wish you well in finalising your preparations.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Conference next month.

Sue-Ellen Hogan, Hon Editor

State President's Letter



And just like that, we are at my final journal report.

I would like to thank everyone, every single person involved with CWA of NSW, because without all of you I would never have had the opportunity, nay privilege, of representing such a wonderful organisation. From the person who is a CWA member in name only, to the people who have made CWA their lives and our external partners; without you all we would not be able to do the important work that we do. My term as president has had its challenges—bushfires, droughts, floods, and a lengthy pandemic to name a few—but I am thankful for these challenges as they have helped us to develop coping strategies that will maintain us into the future as the next generations inherit this organisation.

In the lead up to our centenary celebrations at our 2022 AGM I have been travelling, as flooding allows, and was especially joyous to visit Crookwell and Bingara, our first and second branches. I found comfort in knowing that our founding branches are still around 100 years later. The underpinning themes for this year's Conference will revolve around inclusivity and diversity because although our founding branches still exist, we must consider opportunities to remain current to ensure these branches still exist in another 100 years.

I am reminded of the phrase that used to be branded across The Country Woman: "Pride in our past; faith in the future". This organisation has a wonderful history and we have achieved so much over these last

100 years; I hope our celebrations remember this to us with great clarity. We should be proud of all the good works we have achieved for the women and families, and rural and remote NSW. We should also have faith in the coming generations that they will be able to continue our good works to support the women and families of NSW in the future but we also have to be proactive about this. CWA is not as it was 100 years ago, nor as it was 30 years ago, and we should not cling to outdated theologies or practice. We shall have pride in our past but we should not cling to tightly to that past in case we then lose the possibility of our

future. Look to the next generations, what are their strengths? What can they bring to CWA? How can we encourage and include them in ways to help us maintain this wonderful organisation? These women will hold our legacy in their hands, let us help them shape it into a future that we can be proud of, let us have faith in our future.

Again, thank you to everyone who has supported me and helped me through this wonderful journey—I will never forget it.

Stephanie

Grace Munro's message in The Silver Years, 1947



Mrs. Hugh Munro, M.B.E.,
Foundation President,
1922-1924.

THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION is now celebrating its 25th anniversary, and I think we may look back with pride at an achievement unrivalled in the history of Australia. The C.W.A. has set itself to better the lot of the man and woman on the land, and to bring a wider interest to those isolated settlers, too far from the comfort of the cities to enjoy anything but the most occasional community gatherings.

With the opening of the country Branches and their monthly meetings, the women were brought together and learned, first of all, to know one another, and, secondly, to voice their troubles and advocate reforms which they knew were for the good of the country at large.

As a result of their activities, the conditions of maternity care in the country have been revolutionised. It is to the credit of the Country Women's Association that the first Baby Health Centre opened in the country, at Moree, also that women at last took their places on hospital boards. The first Rest Room was opened at Bingara.

From the moment that the Country Women's Association came into being I decided that one of our first and most urgent duties was to make it possible for women and children living in the hot, western parts of the State to have a holiday at the seaside in comfort, and at a price that they could afford.

Keera House, which, I am proud to think, was called after my old home, was the result of this movement, and once again I would like to thank those friends who contributed so willingly to the scheme.

I am sure that in putting Keera House at the service of our outback people, the Country Women pioneered one of the greatest philanthropic works ever undertaken in this State.

To you all whose interest and support has resulted in so many tired, and often ailing women, enjoying a real rest and health-giving care, I extend my grateful thanks.

Grace Munro

CEO's Report



We look forward again with much anticipation to the Annual Conference. This year it will be held at Royal Randwick which will be an exceptional venue for the event. There will also be live streaming of the majority of the proceedings for those that are unable to make it.

This is a very special edition of the journal, one that helps to mark 100 years of the Association. We do hope that you will enjoy reading about what the organisation is focusing on in the modern era. I often can't help but compare our early advocacy work to what we do now and notice the similarities. There have been many wins and subsequent improvements in living conditions for country women, children and their families as a direct result of the work of CWA of NSW but still to this day, we focus on how we can improve things even further. A focus on rural health, access to education, rural community matters and social justice issues remains front-and-centre of the work we do—the detail around what we are asking for is the only change.

You will see those themes coming forward again in the motions for Annual Conference, which are included the previous journal with updates in this edition of the journal, along with comprehensive information about the event overall. Please check all the Conference information in this edition of the journal (if you are planning to attend), and also check that you have booked any extras such as the gala dinner ticket, lunches and parking

using the online TryBooking links.

There may be some restrictions in relation to COVID-19 safety at Conference—these will be advised to all delegates prior to attendance and may include mask wearing and sign-ins. We don't anticipate that there will be a need to check vaccination status but as always, this may be subject to change.

There is a vote to take place this year for the position of State President and State International Officer. For those attending Conference as a voting delegate, please ensure you take note of voting times and be at the voting area within the specific window as we are unable to accept late votes.

Separate to Conference, planning is well underway for the Royal Easter Show CWA Tea Rooms. The Show Catering Committee does an amazing job coordinating this event every year and I join in their excitement at being able to join with the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW in their 200th year at their flagship event.

News from Executive is also included in this edition of the journal. This is a useful document to get an overview of some of the work currently being carried out by your governing body, the State Executive Committee. If you have any questions at all that relate to matters discussed at Executive, please be in touch with your group's State Executive Committee Member who will also provide reports on the meeting.

We look forward to welcoming all delegates and visitors to our very special Conference in Randwick in this, our 100th year, and if you are unable to join us we look forward to finding ways to connect and celebrate with you to mark this very important occasion on the CWA of NSW calendar.

Danica Leys,
Chief Executive Officer

CWA of NSW closed Facebook Group

CWA of NSW's member-only Facebook group began in December 2016 now has over 2,500 members. It is a convenient way to discuss CWA-related topics and share ideas with others members.

If you have Facebook, you can join the group by going to www.facebook.com/groups/cwaofnsw, click join group and then reply to the automatic message with your branch (and your name if it is different from the name you use on Facebook).

CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Fund

The CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Fund allows tax-deductible donations to be made to support people in need. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Disaster Relief Fund please complete the details below and you will be provided with a receipt for taxation purposes.

Name _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I wish to make a gift of: \$ _____

Please make cheque or money order payable to CWA Disaster Relief Fund and send to: CWA of NSW, PO Box 222, Mascot, NSW, 1460

Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax-deductible.

News from February Executive

ACWW

Gail Commens, ACWW South Pacific Area President has opened an Appeal for the Tongan community and cash donations can be forwarded to the ACWW South Pacific Area ANZ Bank Account. Please include your name on the deposit slip so Gail can receipt your donation and then email Gail: commens1@bigpond.com or southpac@acww.org.uk

Account name: ACWW SP Area

BSB: 012-823

Account No: 3020-63349

Asbestos Reporting

105 inspections were carried out in 2021 and 14 inspections have been undertaken so far this year. 82 reports have been received from ESP to-date.

Centenary Celebrations

The history book will be available for purchase at Conference. The Royal Australian Mint has recently released the CWA commemorative coin. The \$1 uncirculated coin is available to purchase through State Office.

COVID Updates and Reminders

Any advice sent to members is consistent with NSW Health advice. We should maintain vigilance to protect the health of our members.

Fundraising by way of Raffles

Branches or Groups need to comply with the current procedures and ensure when conducting raffles and selling tickets to the public, or in a public venue, you are required to use CWA printed raffle tickets purchased from State Office.

Insurance

A reminder to all Branch Treasurers (if your branch is responsible for CWA property): Branch Premium Statements for Branch property,

contents & casual hall hirer's public liability will be sent to Branch Secretaries, with additional information for the branch. The Premium Statement should be passed to you for payment directly to Scott & Broad. Payment should be made no later than 31 March 2022 as per payment details on the Premium Statement.

Journal—Honorary Editor's position

Executive has accepted the nomination of Sonia Roberts for the position of Honorary Editor of The Country Woman journal.

NSW Bush Bursaries

The Rural Doctors Network thanked the Association for its ongoing support of the program and RDN as a whole. Four CWA supported scholars recently undertook placements in Bega and Bourke. Following their placements, the scholars found the idea of pursuing a career in rural and remote Australia, as a health care professional, as either "appealing" or "very appealing".

Potts Point Grants

A grant was awarded to the following branch: Brunswick Heads Branch, Far North Coast Group.

Procedures Manual

Updates will be available after the July Executive meeting on the CWA of NSW website.

Reports from Representatives on Outside Organisations

Four reports received for distribution from—SOS Fracture Alliance—Trish Stabback; Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee Report #22—Joc Cameron; Farm Safety Advisory Program, Program Reference Group—Helen Rich and Centre for Rural and Remote Mental

Health—Beryl Brain.

SOS Fracture Alliance

The SOS Fracture Alliance Committee is preparing a submission for a grant from the Medical Research Future Fund for a program aiming to provide a phone-based service (via a physiotherapist) that would assist older people who have had a fall during the last 12 months.

The program will use phone and SMS to coach proposed clientele over a six-to-twelve-month period. Please contact Trish Stabback if you have a question or experience to relate that may be of assistance to the SOSFA Committee.

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Upcoming Dates for Executive meetings

May (pre-conf): 1st

July: 8th–20th

November: 14th–16th

Reminder—deadlines for agenda material are strictly two weeks prior to any Executive meeting. Items not received by this due date will be held over until the next meeting.

Conference matters and ratification of State Committee nominations will be considered at the pre-Conference Executive meeting in May. These are the only matters that are considered at the pre-Conference meeting.

E-news for Members

The E-news contains information and events relevant to CWA members and is sent in January, March, May, July, September and November. If you do not already receive the E-news, email communications@cwaofnsw.org.au with "subscribe" in the header, along with your membership number.

EARLY HISTORY

For some years previous to its inception, and to April 18th, 1922, the date upon which the first open conference of country women assembled, a number of interested persons had been thinking along the lines of some community movement among country people. They aimed to secure for country women and children seaside camps where they could take a rest and change within their means, and without the acceptance of charity. In this movement the "Stock and Station Journal," under the editorship of Mr. Robert McMillan ("Gossip"), played an active part.

The railways at that period were showing a very large surplus, and "Gossip" frequently asked whether some of this money might not be spent by the Treasury in providing seaside camps for women and children. Writing on the same subject, Dr. Arthur made many telling appeals, while the "Stock and Station Journal" followed the matter up with a series of articles upon improving the conditions of country life.

Miss Ruth Beale was another contributor, while, in the country, Miss Alice Currie, of Deniliquin, Mrs. Frances Moore and Mrs. Wiggan, both of Angledool, were not only writing but were hard at work upon the same idea, and these ladies actually collected a considerable sum of money towards the object in view.

Before the scheme was firmly established, however, the Great War burst upon the Empire, focussing the attention of all upon the other side of the world. The women forgot their wants in their work for the men at the front, and the country campaign dropped into the background, with the result that the promoters, giving up all hope of ever seeing their idea realised, handed the collected money to a children's hospital.

Between this period and the year 1921

the "Stock and Station Journal" must evidently have been the resting place of the idea, for in that year, on July 19th, to be exact, and, following two articles in the Women's Column, Miss Florence Gordon, under the pen-name of "Urbania," revived the scheme, but in a new and more comprehensive form. Under the heading of "A Union of Help for Country Women," she pleaded, not only for holiday homes, but for a general improvement in the condition of women on the land, to stem the flow of country people to the city. Through the generosity of the Directorate and Editor of "Country Life," in placing much valuable space at her disposal, she worked upon the idea until August 30th, when the first announcement of an open conference appeared. Miss Gordon had for some months previously included in her column, under the heading of "Union of Help for Country Women," an appeal for members among women interested and sympathetic to the idea of organised effort on behalf of country women and children. The response to this appeal was generous and representative.

Impressed by a letter from the pen of Dr. Arthur, Mrs. Hugh R. Munro, of "Keera," Bingara, wrote to "Gossip" requesting to be put in touch with Miss Gordon, who thereupon arranged a meeting with Mrs. Sturt, of Queensland, Mrs. Masey, a delegate from the Women's Reform League, and Mrs. Munro, and as an outcome of this meeting it was resolved on February 6th to form a preliminary committee with Mrs. Munro as President. Later still, at the invitation of Miss Gordon, the late Miss Brace, Mrs. Allan Suttor (Mudgee), Mrs. Hornibrook and Mrs. Glasson were invited to associate themselves with the idea.

Mrs. Munro immediately set to work with enthusiasm, addressing a letter to

every newspaper, and also arranging to have advertisements of the coming open conference displayed by both Union and Paramount Pictures. In addition, she made many country trips, spreading the idea and appealing for sympathy and support. Two ladies who gave valuable assistance at this period were Miss Fourdrinier and Mrs. Masey, who, throughout the period of the Annual Show, distributed thousands of dodgers advertising the coming conference. As this dodger has become something of an historic document, it is as well that the wording of it should be preserved. It read:—

**Under the Distinguished Patronage of
Dame Margaret Davidson, D.B.E.**

An Open Conference of Country Women

will be held at

The Country Club,

17 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

To be opened by Dame Margaret Davidson,
D.B.E.,

on April 18th, 1922.

**Aims: Improving the Conditions of the
Women on the Land.**

Committee:

Mrs. Hugh Munro, President.

Mrs. Richard Arthur, Mrs. Burrows (Cootamundra), Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. W. W. Killen, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Macdonald (Mudgee), Mrs. Masey, Mrs. Sturt (Queensland), Mrs. Kenneth Street, Miss H. Soutar, Miss Fourdrinier, Dr. Arthur.

Miss F. Gordon,
Hon. Organiser.

That many women were thinking along the same lines as the "Stock and Station Journal" and the promoters of the open conference is proved by the fact that the conference lasted with success for three days and was largely attended throughout.

A number of quite historic papers were read.

Mr. J. K. Powell spoke upon "The Case for the Woman on the Land," Dr. Margaret Harper upon "Infant Welfare," Mrs. Florence Taylor, M.I.A., on "Country Home Comforts." Mrs. Stephen Laver took for her subject "A Day in a Country Woman's Life," and Miss Preston Stanley "Citizenship." Professor Lancelot Harrison addressed the gathering on "Insect Menace to Country Life," and Mr. Robert McMillan on a "Gossip by Gossip"; while interesting papers upon "Practical Home Building," by Miss Moss, and "Man's Part to the Woman on the Land," by Mr. A. B. Piddington, concluded the agenda.

Throughout the conference, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Gilligan, Mr. Palmer, Sir Joseph Carruthers and Colonel Bruxner lent valuable assistance, and, at the close of the conference, and, as a result of the opinions expressed, the Country Women's Association of New South Wales came formally into being, with a provisional committee elected for three months, consisting of Mrs. Hugh R. Munro, President; Mesdames M. Sawyer, Stephen Laver, A. J. Studdy, Vice-Presidents; Miss F. Gordon, Honorary Secretary; Mrs. Canning, Hon. Treasurer; Miss Hilda Johnson (Moree), Mrs. Burrows (Cootamundra), Mrs. Fitzhardinge (Kurrajong Heights), Miss Griffin (Griffith), and Mrs. W. J. C. Hazlett.

Among those who presided at the various sessions of the conference were Dame Margaret Davidson, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. McElhone, Mrs. R. R. S. Mackinnon, Mrs. Hugh Munro, Mrs. MacCallum (Lady MacCallum), Mr. Frank Chaffey and Mrs. Jamieson Williams.

Many of the women attending that conference and who took an active part in the formation of the Association are still amongst its enthusiastic workers. Mrs. Hugh Munro, President of the Provisional Committee and first President of the Asso-

ciation, retained that position until August 7th, 1924, when she was forced to resign on account of her health. To this lady is due the credit of pioneering the Country Women's Association in New South Wales, and it is impossible to over-estimate the value of her work. She laid the foundation of the splendid organisation of to-day, and has always been an active member and supporter.

Miss Florence Gordon, who acted as Hon. Organiser and as Hon. Secretary to the Provisional Committee until June 30th, 1922, when she resigned, played an important part in its establishment, and a debt of gratitude is due to her, for to her lot fell a great deal of the hardest spade work, although her connection with the Association lasted for so short a time.

Others who are still active and retain responsible positions are Mrs. A. J. Studdy, who has filled the position as President since 1924; Mrs. Mat. Sawyer, still Vice-President; Mrs. Stephen Laver, a former Vice-President, is President at Crookwell; Mrs. Fletcher, who has just resigned the

Presidency at Dubbo, and who is still a Vice-President of the Executive Committee; Mrs. Hazlett, who has acted as Hon. Treasurer since April, 1922. Mrs. Allan Suttor was on the Executive Committee until last year, and is now hard at work in her own branch.

Miss Audrey Griffin has been a member of the Country Women's Association ever since it began. She was present at the first open conference as a representative of the Agricultural Bureau of N.S.W., which organisation she still represents on the Country Women's Association.

Miss Griffin has attended every general conference of the Association and has acted as official recorder. She has also acted as Recorder at the meetings of the Executive Committee, and the Association is indebted to her for her invaluable services in this respect.

She has recently returned to Griffith, where she spends a busy life on the fruit farm which she shares with her sister. Since her return she has formed a splendid branch at Griffith, of which she is President.

Annual Conference Delegates 1923



Centre: Mrs Hugh Munro [flower dress]. Left Centre: Mrs Mat Sawyer [dark lace dress]. Right Centre: Mrs A J Studdy [choker necklace]. Miss Currie (Vic.), Mrs Laver & Mrs H Fairfax (Q'land.), Mrs Hazlett (Hon Treas.)

Delegates: New Angledool, Mrs Hatfield; Bingara, Nurse Batterham; Boggabri, Mrs Hickson; Barellan, Mrs P Watkins; Binya, Mrs Saunders; Binya, Mrs Litchfield; Binya, Mrs Wallace; Crookwell, Mrs McDonald; Crookwell, Mrs Armstrong; Crookwell, Miss McDonald; Collarenebri, Mrs Clarke; Collarenebri, Mrs Fripp; Duri, Mrs E. A. Barnes; Dubbo, Mrs Grave; Dubbo, Mrs Fletcher; Dubbo, Mrs Lindsay; Emerald Hill, Mrs Richie; Glen Innes, Mrs Blessing; Glen Innes, Mrs Stafford; Grattai, Mrs Cover; Gilgandra, Mrs M. Johnson; Gunnedah, Mrs A. J. Studdy; Gunnedah, Mrs R. Hickson; Horton River, Mrs Rattray; Kerra, Mrs H. Munro; Moree, Mrs V. P. Hobbes; Moree, Mrs Durwent Walker; Moree, Miss Basson; Mullaley, Mrs Studdy (Rep); Myall Creek, Mrs Dufty; Myall Creek, Mrs Stratton; Mudgee, Mrs Hunter White; Queanbeyan, Mrs Fallick; Temora, Mrs Stenning; Temora, Miss Saint Smith; Temora, Mrs Frater; Warrialda, Mrs Daly.

State Cultural Report

I like to envision what it would have been like living at different times, and in different circumstances. For example, following the First World War, the so-called “Great War” and sadly a cataclysmic calamity that people believed was “The war to end all wars”, what would it have been like to be a young woman?

With a generation of lost or broken young men, where participating in the war effort had liberated women to work outside their homes and a future of new opportunities beckoned, what paths could have been taken following the armistice on the 11/11/1918? There would have undoubtedly been feelings of regret, yet undeniable hope that the horrific conflict was finally over, great joy tinged with almost overwhelming sadness, and so many expectations alongside understandable fears and uncertainties. Culturally, this was the dawning of a new age. And out of this social and emotional maelstrom emerged a Women's Conference that led to the formation of an exciting and liberating group for women, the County Women's Association of NSW. A century later, on 20th April 2022, and as the heirs to the founder's legacy of friendship, conviviality and achievement,

we will celebrate the start of our organisation's second century. The CWA will become a centenarian, an Association with a rich, proud and amazing cultural history; let's just pause for a moment to contemplate the significance of that! And what of the world in which we now live? How much progress, prosperity, peace and security have we, as a world society, been able to achieve?

Our next Cultural Meeting will be an in-person gathering which will be held in the country on 19th and 20th March. While COVID-19, the second worldwide pandemic after the Spanish Flu (another 100-year-old, this time in the health crisis category), unfortunately continues to simmer along the Committee has decided on a meeting location which is away from Sydney and one that will be more central to most of our members.

On an entirely pleasant note, we will also be spending time reviewing the 2022 literary prize winners; it's always an exciting time to see the judges' comments and collate the prize-winning entries. It will be my absolute pleasure to announce these winners at the Centenary Conference at Randwick. The

Committee is especially looking forward to staging the trial of the new Art Schedule at Conference. To commemorate the occasion a special prize certificate has been designed by Yvonne Davis; this will be professionally printed to celebrate the 100th anniversary and the initial year of the revamped Schedule. To be part of this very special Exhibition please make sure you have sent your entry forms to the Committee Secretary so that your work can be listed in the Exhibition Schedule. The Exhibition Schedule, another initiative, will guide visitors around the works and, if you have nominated to sell your work, clearly set out artist's name, title of work and sale price. This year will also feature a Viewer's Choice Award alongside the Unpacker's Prize. Make sure you enter when you come to view the cultural display.

To conclude, a quote which I recently appreciated, taken from the Camden CWA magazine produced by members Margaret Easlea and Sue Walsh: “Remember, worry is like a rocking chair: it gives you something to do but it gets you nowhere.”

Eva Campbell, Chairperson

The Land Cookery Report

The much-anticipated CWA 100-year celebration Conference is almost here and we are all very excited. The venue, Royal Randwick is a stunning and very fitting venue to welcome this CWA centenary year.

The Land Cookery Group Returns closed on the 31st March. Entries can be emailed to mdhawdon@outlook.com or posted to: 89 Algies Rd Belbora Creek Gloucester 2422. However, if anyone has a late group day, please let me know. A reminder also the 250 ml jars will be compulsory for this Conference.

This Journal has all the details of the location of the Kensington Room for The Land Cookery along with our opening hours. We are taking entries from 9 am on the Sunday 1st May. If for some reason your transport is late it is essential that you contact me by mobile, 0458 692 344 so alternative arrangements for your entries can be made.

Thank you to all those members that have sold raffle tickets and embraced our wooden spoon memorabilia. We are delighted with the orders and response. Those who have ordered can pick them up at The Land Cookery display at

Conference.

The Land Cookery Committee raffle ticket proceeds should be deposited by EFT with the raffle tickets stumps posted back to our treasurer, details on the ticket butt.

The Land Cookery Committee would like to extend grateful and sincere thanks to all the Branch and Group Cookery Officers for their generous support to The Land Cookery Competition. Cooking is very close to our hearts and we hope the Competition will continue well into the future.

Denise Hawdon, Chairperson

Hospital Support Report

Since my last report the Committee has held their March meeting via Zoom due to the impending wet weather. As usual Australia Post and Pack & Send have been kept busy with delivery of Hospital Support goodies. Committee Secretary Elisabeth has posted a total of 40 kgs of children's clothes, baby items and bras to Carol Mead from Sew for a Girl in Canberra as well as parcels to Miracle Babies. Mother & Baby packs have been gratefully received by the nurses at the maternity unit in Armidale; thank you committee member, Iris Willoughby-Reynolds, for arranging these items.

Not long to go and we will be meeting up at Randwick to celebrate the centenary of our Association. The State Hospital Visiting Committee was the first state committee formed. In 1923, Miss S.F. Warby from the Harbourside Branch (originally from Narrandera) initiated the idea of visiting country

people in hospital. The Hospital Visiting Committee was formed in 1930. She continued to work for more than 30 years with a band of willing helpers.



Miss S.F. Warby

For many decades following, country people in staying in a Sydney hospital would get a visit from a CWA member, following a request to the Committee from a family member or friend.

In more recent times, visiting became difficult as restrictions were placed on visitors by hospitals and in 2012, the Committee changed their name to the Hospital Support Committee to better reflect what we do.

We are making plans to offer card payment as well as cash at our State Conference tables where we have along with our usual array of items some fine merino knitwear in ladies' and men's sizes for sale. The Committee raffle will consist of four wonderful prizes at \$2 per ticket. Prizes include a beautiful queen size quilt, a pure wool Aran-style throw handmade by a Northumberland Group member that used to knit for Australian designer Jenny Kee, a Peter Alexander robe & slippers set and a small child size quilt/wall hanging.

See you soon.

[Susan Shearwood, Chairperson](#)

Social Issues Report

Welcome to my last Journal report as the State Social Issues Officer. As I sit here to write my report, I look back over my three years—we have had fires, COVID-19, floods, COVID-19 and more floods. I have no words to offer those members and families who are in floods now; I can only image what you all must be going through.

I would like to thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity; it has been an honour. I would like to also thank State President Steph Stanhope, Danica, Jackie, Leah, Luisa and Tracy for giving me guidance and gentle reminders when reports are due. To the Committee, thank you for all your hard work and contributions over the past three years. To the incoming State Social Issue Officer, congratulations. I wish you all the best. And lastly thank you to you, the members, for

your support.

Items on the Social Issues Committee list include:

- Draft National Plan to End violence against women and children 2022-2032
- Social and affordable housing

The Committee attend the following meetings:

- KWOOP—Keeping Women Out of Prison. The Social Issues Committee were working with KWOOP with the idea of opening a CWA branch in a women's prison as per our Strategic Plan but due to COVID-19, this has been put on hold. The Committee still attend meetings with KWOOP. For more information, please go to their webpage: www.sydneycommunityfoundation.org.au/find_a_fund/kwoop-keeping-women-out-of-prison

- Join Us Research register—join meetings every 6 months or when required.

Issues that are still a concern are:

- Aged care
- Rural Health
- Education

If you would like to contact the Committee about an issue of concern, please use the form Social Issues page of the website, found under the "committees" tab: www.cwaofnsw.org.au.

The Social Issues Committee will be on display this year at Randwick, through the lunch period on Monday and Tuesday and we will be packing up Wednesday. Come and say hello to us.

Stay safe,

[Bronwyn Dunston](#)
State Social Issue Officer

Agricultural & Environmental

Hello everyone,

I hope that you are all prepared for our State Conference and the centenary celebrations.

The Agricultural & Environmental Committee has continued to meet via Zoom; however, we are hoping that our next meeting will be a face-to-face meeting. The arrangements for the Agricultural & Environmental display at Conference are well underway. Due to limited number of members attending Conference, any member who would like to assist and help on our stand during breaks would be greatly appreciated.

It was decided at our last meeting

that competition entries would be accepted at the Agricultural & Environmental stand up to 1pm on Sunday 1st May or at State Office by 3pm on 14th April. No late entries will be judged; however, they may still be displayed. If you are collecting items after the Conference please do so immediately at the close of Conference as the committee has a tight time framework to have the display materials packed for collection.

Another reminder that the Agricultural & Environmental Seminar has been cancelled for this year; however, the Committee is looking at the possibility of being

able to have webinars or virtual presentations. Keep watching for any updates.

Please keep the Agricultural & Environmental Committee informed of your concerns as we are your voice. There is a form which can be filled out on the website: www.cwaofnsw.org.au/agenviro

The Committee wishes the Organising Committee of this centenary Conference the best of luck and looking forward to seeing you all in May.

Margaret Barrett, Agricultural & Environmental Officer

Handicraft Report

This year is certainly flying by and by now I hope all Groups have had their judging and been able to send their Handicraft suitcases to State Office. If, however, any Group is having problems with getting their suitcases sent to State Office by the 31st March due to all the flooding the state has experienced over the months of February/March, the Committee will certainly take this into consideration. I hope anyone who has been affected by the floods and has had an item ready to be entered in the Competition that it hasn't been damaged as it would be very disappointing to put all that work into something and then to discover it has been damaged.

The Committee is hoping to streamline the picking up of the suitcases this year. Could all Group Handicraft Officers put the name and phone number of the person who will be picking up the suitcase on the top of their entry form or alternatively ring Leona Steen on 0422 317 644 during the course of Conference and give her the phone number. Once a Group's suitcase is packed and ready to go we will ring the relevant person to let them know that their suitcase is ready to be

picked up. This way there won't be a whole lot of ladies waiting around for their suitcase.

The Schedule for the 2023 Competition is printed in this edition of the Journal. There have been some major changes made for next year, especially in The Land Section, so make sure you read it thoroughly before entering anything. Please remember if a particular section in The Land is no longer there, any item that would have been entered previously in that section can be entered in Section 1 in the Open Section.

The Committee has organised three workshops in Grafton on 1st and 2nd June. A Smocking Class taught by Sandy Tebbet and a Beginners Crochet Class with Elizabeth

Watson. Both these workshops will be held on 1st June. Cost \$60 includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch plus an extra \$10 for the kit (please bring cash on the day for the kit). Then a Techniques and Judges Refresher Course will be on the 2nd June (cost \$25 includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch). If you are interested in attending any of these workshops, you can find the coupon in this Journal or if you require any further information please contact Anne Williamson, our Workshop Convenor on 0408 868 236 or by email sewansow@bigpond.net.au.

Looking forward to what should be a very exciting Conference.

Diana Frost, Chairperson



State Handicraft Exhibition Schedule—General Competition Rules 2022/23

Each Exhibitor in the Group Competition MUST be a financial member of CWA of NSW.

All articles from Groups must be accompanied by two copies of the Official Entry form, which will be available as a download from the website. All articles must also be labelled correctly, as articles are separated whilst judging takes place.

Each entry must be labelled with a State Label which are provided by the committee. The Section entered is on the front of the tag and the persons' name, branch and group on the inside of the tag. All writing is to be in BLACK.

ALL knitting and crochet items MUST have a label and/or strands attached.

Each Article must have been completed with 2 years of the current State Exhibition. Soiled work will NOT be judged.

Each article must be the work of the exhibitor and work which has been entered in ANY section at a previous State Exhibition is NOT eligible to be entered again.

MAXIMUM size of any framed work must not exceed 50cm X 40cm (unless otherwise stated) and must be in a padded fabric bag with name, branch and group attached.

Quilts must be NO LARGER THAN 220cm X 220cm. If quilted by another person, there must be a label attached stating this.

Group Competition

Section 1

Each Group to enter eight articles (if possible) of any handicraft technique EXCLUDING painting (with a brush), pottery, scrapbooking and mosaics for Section 1 which MUST include at least one garment or article of knitting/crochet in PURE WOOL but not more than 2.

Bonus points will be given for presenting 7 different techniques.

Prizes are as follows:

1st—\$100, 2nd—\$60, 3rd—\$40.
Champion Piece of Work—\$50

10 most outstanding different crafts from Section 1—\$30 each.

Open Classes

CLASS A: Garment or article of craft made by a member 80 years and over.

CLASSES B1, B2 and B3: these classes are open to all junior members, both male and female, residing in NSW. Age as at 1st May in the year of the State Exhibition and must be stated on the article.

CLASS B1: Any Article of craft made by a junior 8 years and under (commercial quilting allowed)

CLASS B2: Any article of craft made by a junior 9-12 years of age (commercial quilting allowed)

CLASS B3: Any article of craft made by a junior 13-18 years of age (commercial quilting allowed)

CLASS C: Branch Challenge

Four needle cases, any medium. Attached to a piece of A4 size cardboard. These needle cases need to have the input of at least 4 members of one branch. This is designed to involve members of your Branch who may not necessarily be Handicraft experts!

CLASS D: Article of craft made by a relative of a CWA member. Max size 30cm X 30cm.

Natural Fibres Section (sponsored by The Land)

This section is open to ALL residents of NSW.

All articles must have at least 70% Natural Fibre. Labels and/or strands must be attached to each entry.

1. Knee or Cot Rug (any technique) using commercial natural fibres—max 150cm X 150cm.
2. Hand knitted garment or article from commercial natural fibres 5 ply or finer.
3. Hand crocheted garment or article from commercial natural fibres 6 ply or thicker.
4. Hand knitted garment or article from commercial natural fibres

5 ply or finer.

5. Hand crocheted garment or article from commercial natural fibres 6 ply or thicker.
6. Hand knitted garment or article made from natural fibre hand spun by the maker.
7. Hand crocheted garment or article made from natural fibre hand spun by the maker.
8. Garment or article made from natural fibres (not knitting or crochet).

Handicraft Workshop 1 & 2 June, at Grafton

I wish to attend a **Smocking Class** with Sandy Tebbet

I wish to attend **Beginners Crochet Class** with Elizabeth Watson.

Both these classes are on 1st June. Cost per class: \$60 this includes morning/afternoon tea plus lunch. The kit for each class is an extra \$10 (bring cash on the day).

I wish to attend a **Technique's day and Judges Refresher Course**.

On 2nd June. Cost \$25 which includes morning tea/afternoon tea and lunch.

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment by 16th May 2022.

A. Direct Deposit: BSB 032-769 A/C 830 720. Email Anne a copy of the coupon or your details to: sewansow@bigpond.net.au

OR

B. Send your cheque and coupon to Anne Williamson, 13 Barrington East Rd, Barrington NSW 2422.

For further information contact Anne Williamson 0408 868 236

International Report

It is almost the end of our year of studying Malaysia. An announcement of the next Country of Study will be made at the State International Meeting at Conference. Get ready to hit the atlas, search the internet and look for travel brochures for your next Country of Study.

Travel Journals and Primary School Competition entries kept my postman busy in January and February. I am very pleased with the exceptional quality of the Malaysian International Travel Journals. Thank you to the members and branches who made the effort to produce these wonderful stories of their travels around Malaysia. Entries in the Primary School International Competitions of PowerPoint Presentation, Postcard and Travel Journal are a testament to the wonderful teachers who taught the students about Malaysia and actively encouraged their students to enter the competitions. Well done to both students and teachers.

The Malaysian Embassy has judged PowerPoint Presentations, Postcards and Travel Journals and the winning entries will be announced and awards presented at the State International Meeting at Conference on Tuesday 3 May at 4.30pm. This will be held in the QE11—Level 2 Ballroom at Royal Randwick.

The judging of group finalists for the International Doll, International Handicraft and International Needlework is to be delivered to the International Display site on Sunday

1 May **before** 12 Noon. Please deliver directly to the International Display area in the QE11 Kensington Room where all State Committee displays will be held. Judging will commence immediately after midday. Late entries will not be judged. If you cannot deliver the item yourself, please dedicate a group member to both drop off and pick-up the entries. Pick-up at the International Display by 12 noon on Thursday 5 May 2022.

All entries must have the relevant entry form and photo of the item attached to the entry for reference purposes. Please bring stamps, postcards, foreign coins, old currency and foreign notes to the International stand during lunchtimes at Conference. Please call in, and have a chat and check out all the amazing entries—and the winners—in the State International Competitions.

Diary Dates:

- 29th April, 2022—“Women Walk the World” is held around 29th April each year. Women worldwide celebrate the Associated Country Women of the World’s international network by joining together to “Walk the World” in a walk around your neighborhood. ACWW World President, Magdie de Kock, asks you to join her to raise awareness of the role women play in global food systems and you can do this by your branch or group hosting an event. Please take some photos and send to info@acww.org.uk and maybe your photo

will be published in the next “The Countrywoman” Journal.

- Saturday 6 August, 2022—The State International Study Seminar will be held in Dubbo. It will showcase the Country of Study plus provide the opportunity to meet up with friends and kick up our heels a little. The Coupon will be in the June Journal.

I have had the most amazing International Committee. They make me so proud when I see what they have achieved in the past 12 months. The Committee members epitomize what a CWA member does to help our wonderful organisation and I give them my heartfelt thanks. Special thanks to the State Office staff for their forbearance and for helping me beyond measure. Thank you to my family and extended CWA family. You have supported me all the way.

Sadly, I am stepping down after a wonderful 12 months in my position as State International Officer. A new International Officer will step into my shoes and I ask that you give her the friendship, the warmth, encouragement and those small kindnesses that you have shown me.

As Michelle Obama said: “Friendships between women, as women will tell you, are built of a thousand small kindnesses—swapped back and forth over and over again”.

Sue Armstrong
State International Officer



Conference Program 2022

Sunday 1 May

4.00 pm Ecumenical Service—Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick

Monday 2 May

9.30 am Official Opening—Royal Randwick
Welcome to Country—Aunty Lola Ryan
National Anthem, CWA Anthem & Motto
Welcome by State President, Apologies & Announcements

Welcome by Cr Dylan Parker, Mayor, Randwick City Council

Official Opening—Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales

Guest Speaker—The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC, Minister for Women, Regional Health and Mental Health

Moorambilla Voices

Keynote Speaker—Ms Layne Beachley AO

11.00 am State President's Address

11.30 am Lunch

1.00 pm Business Session—Royal Randwick
Confirmation of Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

1.15 pm First Special General Meeting

General Business

Medical Research Fund Cheque presentation

Medical Research Presentations

State Office Bearer Nominee Introductions

Agenda

Tuesday 3 May

9.00 am Business Session—Royal Randwick
State Honorary Secretary's Report
State Honorary Treasurer's Report
Agenda

12.30 pm Lunch

2.00 pm Business Session—Royal Randwick

3.00 pm Keynote Speaker—Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AO AFSM, Resilience NSW
Agenda

4.30 pm State International Meeting

Wednesday 4 May

9.00 am Business Session—Royal Randwick
State Office Bearers and Medical Research for 2022-2023 announced
State Agricultural & Environmental Officer's Report

State International Officer's Report

State Social Issues Officer's Report

Agenda

Liz Harfull, author

12.30 pm Lunch

2.00 pm Business Session—Royal Randwick
Agenda

5.00 pm Close of Business Sessions

Thursday 5 May

9.00 am Further Special General Meeting
State and Committee raffle results announced

State Committee Reports and Award Ceremony

Agricultural & Environmental Committee Awards

Hospital Support Committee Report

Show Catering Committee Report and Donation

Cultural Committee Report and Awards

The Land Cookery Committee Report and Awards

Handicraft Committee Report and Awards

Honorary Editor's Report (including Garry Prize)

Wagga Daily Advertiser Award

Past State President's Award

Think Image Award

Votes of Thanks

Introduction of current Group Presidents, new State Executive Committee members and State Office Bearers.

1.00 pm Lunch

1.30 pm Local Tours on Foot

6.30 pm Gala Event—Gala Dinner



Additional Conference Information

Covid-19 Protocols for Conference

There will be a number of protocols and procedures in place that will be communicated to all conference delegates prior to the event, and also form part of our conditions of entry. These protocols are not yet settled and may be subject to change. The protocols will be in line with any virus-related developments between now and Conference time and will be based on our duty of care to ensure a safe experience for all attendees.

Conditions of entry to each venue will be displayed, and may (dependent on COVID risks at the time) include the requirement to use a QR Code sign-in, a requirement to stay away from the venue if you have any COVID-like symptoms, and a possible requirement to wear masks.

We currently do not anticipate having to check with attendees as to their vaccination status, but again, this is subject to change.

We look forward to your cooperation on these protocols so that conference can be a happy and safe experience for all.

Delegates Information

The Delegate's book is available to delegates at registration and State Committee members. Observers to Conference should bring the February and April journals which lists Conference motions to be discussed.

Registration Hours for Delegates

Registration will be located on Level 3 in the QEII Grandstand within Royal Randwick Racecourse.

Sunday: 12.00 pm–4.00 pm

Monday: 8.30–9.30 am (late arrivals only)

State Office Shop

The Shop will be located in the

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Skyline Room on Level 3 in the QEII Grandstand.

Monday: 11.30 am–1.00 pm and 5.00 pm–5.30 pm

Tuesday: 8.00 am–9.00 am and 12.30 pm–2.00 pm

Wednesday: 8.00–9.00 am, 12.30 pm–2.00 pm and 4.30 pm–5.30 pm.

Please remember to bring your own reusable shopping bag as plastic bags will not be available.

Pre-orders can also be picked up from the State Office Shop during opening hours.

Voting Hours

Voting for State Office Bearers and the Medical Research Project will be located in the level 1 landing area of the QEII Grandstand. Access is via the escalator in front of the Grandstand.

Monday: 5.00–6.00 pm

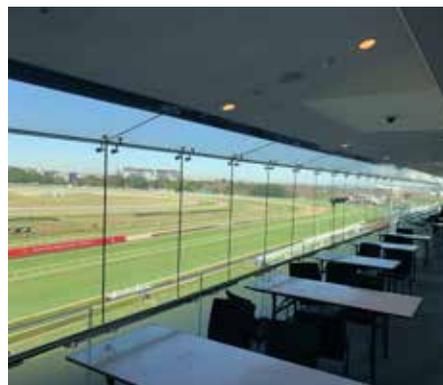
Tuesday: 8.00–9.00 am, 12.30–2.00 pm and 4.30–5.00 pm

Royal Randwick—card payments only

Please note that all payments within Royal Randwick—the café, car park, bar during the Gala dinner, etc, will need to be via card. Payment by cash is not available.

Lunches

Prepaid lunches are to be collected from the Centennial Room on level 3 in the QEII Grandstand. Tables and chairs will be set up for all to



Centennial Room

use this space. A reminder that no food or drinks (except for water) are to be brought into Royal Randwick.

Gala Event

The Gala Dinner will be held at the conclusion of Conference on the evening of Thursday, 5 May 2022 in the Royal Randwick Ballroom in the QEII Grandstand. Gala Dinner tickets must be paid for in advance. Tickets are non-refundable and GST inclusive. Tickets can be purchased via TryBooking using this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVTPR> The theme for the Gala Dinner is blue and gold, with formal dress. If you need assistance you can call State Office and have your credit card handy for payment. Book your ticket/s now to avoid disappointment.

Speaker Time Limits

Mover of a motion—may speak for three minutes. Secunder of a motion may speak for two minutes. Members speaking in favour or against a motion may speak for two minutes. You will hear a warning bell (one ring) when you have 30 seconds remaining to speak. Two rings is when you must stop speaking.

Parking



Multi-storey car park

A multi-storey car park is situated next to the QEII Grandstand. A \$40 parking pass is available for pre-purchase by CWA of NSW members, which will be valid for multiple entries and exits from Sunday morning through to Friday afternoon. You must pre-book this pass, otherwise, the parking fee is \$10.00 per day, subject

to availability. The pass can be purchased via Trybooking using this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXYFJ> If you hold a Mobility Parking Scheme Permit and require a disabled parking spot, you should have already notified Lyn Braico or Sharyn Buck.

Foreign Coins and Stamps

Please bring these with you to Conference—there will be collection points at the International Committee display.

Mobility Impaired Venue Access

Access to Royal Randwick is mobility-impaired friendly. All access from the gates is on hard, flat surfaces. Once within the Grandstand, there is lift access to all levels. Each level being occupied by CWA does not involve the use of stairs. If you are bringing a walker, it will need to be safely stowed outside the Ballroom while the Conference is in progress. Volunteers will be available to assist you as required. Please label your walker clearly with your name, Group and mobile phone number.

Committee Displays

All Committee displays will be located in the Kensington Room which is on the ground floor of the QEII Grandstand. Committees will be open subject to availability of



Kensington Room

Committee members. Otherwise Committee displays will be open during lunch breaks and up to one hour after Business Sessions.

Agricultural & Environmental Committee

Recycled Article Competition entries are to be delivered to the Committee display before 1.00 pm on Sunday, 1 May. Late entries will not be judged but they will be included in the display. Please ensure you attach the A 5-2-720 form to each entry.

Cultural Committee Art And China Painting Display

All Art and China Paintings are to be dropped off to the Committee display before 1.00 pm on Sunday, 1

May. The Art and China Paintings will be judged early Sunday afternoon. Either the Group President, State Executive Committee member, Group Secretary or Group Cultural Officer are requested to collect group envelopes, cultural books, posters and scrapbooking—plus prize winning cheques on Thursday, 5 May before 12.00 pm.

Handicraft Committee

Judging of items will commence on Tuesday, 19 April in State Office. The Handicraft Committee display will be open after the Official Opening on Monday, 2 May and throughout Conference.

International Committee

Group entries for International Dolls, Needlework and Handicraft competitions will be judged at State Conference. All entries are to be delivered to the Committee display before 12.00 pm on Sunday, 1 May. Judging will then take place, so late entries will not be accepted. All entries must have an entry form (I 1-15-721) from the Procedures Manual.

“The Land” Cookery Committee

Entries are to be delivered to the Committee display on Sunday, 1 May from 9.00 am until 5.30 pm. Judging will be held on Monday, 2 May. The display will open throughout Conference and will close early Thursday afternoon.

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Added/Amended Agenda Motions

Agricultural & Environmental

7. Bonshaw Branch, Gwydir Group

Motion withdrawn

8. Bonshaw Branch, Gwydir Group

Preamble: Residents and communities living along the upper reaches of rivers such as the Dumaresq and its upper tributaries receive very little information during and prior to flood events. The lack of real-time river height and flow data, and adequate information on rainfall makes adequate preparation impossible. Websites are often inaccessible, gauging stations stop working and there is no system in place for transfer of information based on local observations. There is also a need for more river height and flow stations, and automatic rain gauges particularly in The Mole and Beardy Rivers. As a consequence, lives are at risk, property and livestock damage is much higher than is necessary and people are traumatised. Bonshaw CWA moves those relevant agencies collaborate with each other and consult with locals in responding with their plan for how to address and improve this situation.

“That the policy of the CWA of NSW be to advocate that adequate rainfall, real time water flow and river heights data be available for residents and communities along flood prone river systems and their tributaries prior to and during flood events”

Education

11. Eugowra Branch, Central Western Group

Preamble: Schools have Careers Advisors helping students make choices for the beginning of their working lives. It is essential schools have qualified sexology teachers with information to benefit students for life. Trainee Primary and High School Biology and PDHPE teachers need to study Sexology. It's essential the State Government provides

financial assistance to existing teachers, wishing to upskill their qualifications, by undertaking Sexology courses. Several universities provide undergraduate and post graduate courses, online or internally. Curtin University's Sexology program gives specialist sexology knowledge and skills. Students are entitled to have accurate, age-appropriate information, delivered by accomplished teachers with appropriate qualifications. Julie Szego commented the sons of her peers are “now watching rapey porn.” The rapery porn site advertised free porn videos. Dr Jacqui Hendricks, Curtin University, explains sex education is giving young people the full science and all the evidence so they can make the safest decision for themselves.

“That the policy of CWA of NSW be to advocate to ensure that:

- *Students studying teaching degrees in primary school education be required to complete a sexology module. For high school teachers of Sciences, Biology and PDHPE, the prerequisite would be a qualification in a sexology course.*
- *That financial assistance be sought, from the NSW Minister for Education, for all teachers wishing to undertake professional development in a specific sexology course”*

Health & Social Security

18. Jervis Day Bay Branch, Wollondilly Group

Preamble: On average one women a week in Australia is murdered by her current or former boyfriend. 1 in 4 women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner, and these are only the reported figures. How do we to take action to prevent this continued abuse? In 1985 Brazil opened its first Women's Police Stations which implemented innovative and successful areas with specially trained personnel where women, who

are victims of domestic violence, are listened to and supported. This model has now been adopted in many other countries. This model of support has encouraged women to leave abusive relationships where they often lack economic and family support. The effectiveness of this model has been proven overseas therefore, we encourage CWA of NSW to advocate for a similar model, staffed with specialist and appropriately trained police and support personnel, to be adopted in NSW.

“That the policy of the CWA of NSW be to actively support the establishment of Police Hubs (stations) in domestic violence hotspots, and to strongly advocate for specialist and appropriate domestic violence training programs for all staff working in these hubs (stations)”

Miscellaneous

26. Coolamon Branch, Riverina Group

Motion withdrawn

First Special General Meeting

9. Manilla Branch, Namoi Group

“That the policy of CWA of NSW be to change Regulation 40 to read: The cost of Life Membership shall be based on a sum calculated at five times the annual subscription of a full member as fixed in accordance with Regulation 31, together with the cost of the Life Membership badge. The total cost to be paid by the Branch in the case of Branch Life Membership, except where the nomination has been adopted by the Branch's Group, in which case the cost will be borne by Group.”

CWA journal on CD

Vision-impaired members can request to receive “The Country Woman” journal as a CD recording instead of a hard copy at no extra cost. Contact State Office for more information.

State Office Bearer Nominations

State President

Joy Beames—Dunedoo Branch, Castlereagh Country Group



Member for 30 years.

Branch Positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Agricultural & Environmental, Publicity, Councillor, Co-ordinator of Sir Ivan Bushfire appeal.

Group Positions: President, Executive Member, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Agricultural & Environmental, Cultural.

State Positions: Agricultural & Environmental Officer, Executive Member, Member of Agricultural & Environmental Committee, Member of Show Catering Committee.

Citation: During my time as the State Agricultural & Environmental Officer I represented the Association at many events, including meeting with members of State Parliament to achieve Association objectives and was part of formulating the Federal Government Agricultural White and Green Papers.

I have organised several regional and Sydney based Agricultural & Environmental seminars for members to attend and participate in. CWA representative on Rural Women's Council for almost three years until it was wound up. CWA representative on Tocal College Advisory Council for three years.

I was the coordinator of the local Sir Ivan Bushfire Appeal and liaised with the CWA Disaster Relief Committee to distribute funds and goods. I have worked many shifts at the CWA Tea Room at the Royal Easter Show. I volunteer for various local organisations.

My life outside CWA has been in banking and Doctor's Surgery Practice Manager as well as being an active part of our farming partnership. My husband and I have now sold our farming property, so I have more time to devote to CWA.

Margaret Breust—Eungai-Yarrahapinni Branch, Mid North Coast Group



Member for 13 years.

Branch Positions: President, Treasurer, Publicity, Councillor, Delegate Group and State Conferences.

Group Positions: President, Representative to State Executive, Treasurer, Vice President, Delegate to State Conferences, Mid North Coast

Group CWAA Planning Committee (2015).

State Position: State Honorary Secretary (2020-2022)

Citation: Why do we join CWA? In my case there was a need to fulfill the desire to offer my spare time to be helpful to others that may be in need of assistance. The local CWA members of my area certainly guided me into the fold and highlighted the needs of others around us.

The 13 years I have been a member has certainly given me the experiences that I needed to gain the feeling of at least achieving satisfaction and realising we are still useful people. The relationships, friendship and support from this exciting group of women is the drive for me to want to do more.

We all come from different walks of life; however, that doesn't mean we can't understand what needs are required by others that you think haven't walked your path. Most of us have experienced some form of trauma or tragedy in their lives whether it is abuse, the loss of loved ones, struggling on the land, drought, fire, the need for medical services in rural and regional areas etc.

I am a firm believer in retaining and respecting the CWA members who are the grassroots of CWA. However, we must also look to our future and continually evolve with the times. Your consideration for my nomination will certainly be followed with passion and drive for the continuing aims and objectives of the CWA, along with a willingness to enforce our membership will continue for another 100 years.

Judy Houghton—Cowra Evening Branch, Central Western Group



Member for 8 years.

Branch Positions: President (3).

South West Group Positions: President (1), Councillor (3), Executive Representative (3) **Central Western Group Positions:** Vice President (2), Councillor (1).

State Position: State Positions: Vice President (2), Executive Rep

to Land Cookery Committee (3), Executive Rep to Show Catering Committee (1).

Citation: Born into a farming family in the Central West between Canowindra and Cudal, where my parents ran a mixed farming and grazing property, I was mostly hands on particularly after I left school until I married.

In my early years of marriage, we established a successful Poll Hereford Stud exhibiting at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney and provincial shows. This along with irrigation, commercial cattle operation, sheep as well as dry land farming and day to day administration.

I moved to Sydney and worked in a CBD law firm before

entering the real estate profession. At times managing approx 300 houses and units on the Lower North Shore.

I became a member of Ku-ring-gai Rotary Club and then their Club Secretary for four years. During that time, I attended leadership workshops.

Since moving to Cowra in 2013 I have held several positions in CWA including the 2016 State AGM Organising Committee in Cowra and Chair of 2023 State AGM Organising Committee to be held in Bathurst.

I look forward to continuing to serve members of CWA as my previous visits to Groups and Branches have been a joy over the past three years.

State Honorary Secretary

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Pam Wright—Kootingal Branch, Wanthella Group



Member for 16 years.

Branch Positions: Cookery Officer, Secretary, President, Vice President, Handicraft Officer.

Group Positions: Cultural Officer, Cookery Officer, Vice President, Secretary.

State Positions: The Land Cookery Committee member

and Secretary, Handicraft Committee Secretary, State Executive Committee member.

Citation: Born in the Northern Beaches and now living on a rural property in Tamworth. I joined CWA to develop friendships and learn about the new areas I found myself in.

My experience includes being a Private Secretary to the Transport Manager of Warringah Shire Council; Private Secretary to the Manager at Wormald International; Canteen Supervisor; Girl Guides Commissioner; Instructor at St Ives, Hornsby and Warringah Dog Clubs for Search and Rescue, Obedience and Agility.

I have worked with Singleton Council “Keep Australia Beautiful” organisation and instigated the annual Singleton Garden competition. Coordinated Singleton Branch to collect rubbish along Wallaby Scrub Road in exchange for remuneration for the Branch. Facilitated the “Taste of Tamworth” CWA’s promotional gazebo including cooking demonstrations, competition scheduling, judging and presenting seminars. Coordinated the CWA promotional stand at the Annual Tamworth Show.

I hold judges badges for The Land Cookery and State Handicraft Committees and support other branches by running training and workshops.

I am deeply and passionately involved at branch, group and state level within the CWA using skills learned over time. Being an active member of the CWA enables me to share my knowledge, assist and support other CWA

members whilst building and promoting CWA in the wider community.

State Honorary Treasurer

UNOPPOSED

Sharyn Buck, East Maitland Branch, Hunter River Group



Member for 10 years.

Branch Positions: Treasurer, Vice President, President, Secretary, Cultural Officer, Councillor to Group meetings, Branch Delegate to State Conference.

Group Positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chair of the Organising Committee for 2020 State

Conference, Group Delegate to State Conferences.

State Positions: Treasurer, Centenary Conference Organising Committee, State Executive Committee member, Subcommittee member reviewing Fundraising Targets—Regulation 6.

ACWW: Individual member since 2013. Observer at South Pacific Area conferences in Dubbo and New Plymouth, NZ. Proxy Delegate for Südtiroler Bäuerin at World Conference in Melbourne.

State International Officer

Jennifer Chobdzynski, Oura Branch Riverina Group



Member for 11 years.

Branch Positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, International Officer (x3), Cultural Officer, Assistant to Social Welfare Officer, Branch Councillor, State Conference Delegate.

Group Positions: Secretary, International Officer (3rd term),

State Conference Delegate.

State Positions: Member State International Committee (May 2018–present). Have assisted three State International Officers with practical support.

CWAA: Observer National Conference Canberra.

ACWW: Joined 2012. Observer September 2014 SPA Conference. Observer and volunteer August 2016 World Conference (Warwick UK). Observer April 2019 World Conference (Melbourne Vic), Assistant to PNG and Pacific Island Delegates for duration.

Citation: Born in suburban Christchurch, New Zealand; second of eight children, I met my Polish husband there. As a young woman, we emigrated to Illawarra with our sons, closer to his aging parents. On retirement, we moved to Riverina, a regional home and grandchildren nearby.

I joined Oura CWA and embraced my passion for International Studies. The plight of women and children, particularly girls, globally, is my greatest concern. The never-ending struggle to find food and shelter, safety, security, health and hygiene, education, respect, and most importantly a voice, in their communities, is monumental.

Educated mostly in New Zealand, I studied Pure Maths and Social Sciences at UNE (externally) and have worked in many fields, most recently in Economic Statistics with the Federal Public Service at Middle Management level. I have volunteered in primary schools (canteen, scripture teaching); church (children's ministry); Scouts; Wollongong Polish Association; Vinnies; U3A; community groups and CWA activities.

I am fortunate to enjoy a loving family, to be part of multicultural Australia and have travelled extensively. I enjoy family, friends, reading, knitting, languages, history and a nice cup of tea.

I offer 100% effort, at all times, in striving for equity, justice, and the rights of others.

Linda Willding, Canimbla Branch, South West Group



Member for 25 years.

Branch Positions: President, Events Co-ordinator, Councillor to Group, Delegate to State Conferences. Transferred to Canimbla Branch 2015—President, Secretary, International Officer, Councillor to Group, Delegate to State Conferences. Chairperson for 70th birthday celebrations.

Cowra Show Stand. Currently Branch Secretary.

Group Positions: Group Secretary, Group President, International Officer, State Conferences, Representative from Group to State Executive, Member of the Organising Committee for State Conference held in Cowra, Committee Member for 90th celebrations for South West Group.

State Positions: Cultural Committee, Social Issues Committee and International Committee (current).

CWAA: Conference in Darwin.

ACWW: I have attended two world conferences, Hobart and Melbourne and South Pacific Area Conferences, Ballarat, Perth, Tonga, New Zealand, Dubbo, Conference hosted by Gail Commens via Zoom. Zoom hosted by Magdie de Kock—ACWW President.

Citation: I was born in Young NSW and lived in Cowra, moving to Sydney then the Central Coast for a total of 12 years. Returning with a husband and four children to Cowra to manage a service station.

I was later employed by NSW Health at Cowra Hospital for 30 years holding many positions in the Hotel Services, Sterilising and Administration departments, studying at TAFE/Department of Technical and Further

Education.

The opportunity to join CWA came when an evening branch was proposed in Cowra, I couldn't wait to join. I had followed the reports on CWA of NSW in The Land Newspaper for years.

Over my years in CWA, I have been privileged to meet many amazing, committed women and share wonderful times with them. The best times were when I attended Executive in Sydney and catching up with a group of vibrant women with a commitment for their community I hadn't experienced before.

In 2018 I graduated from the University of Tasmania with a diploma of Family History and continue to pursue my hidden past ancestors.

I feel it is time to commit to a position as a State Office Bearer hopefully I can succeed in my application to be your next International Officer.

State Agricultural & Environmental Officer

UNOPPOSED

Margaret Barrett—Walgett Branch, Barwon Group



Member for 19 years.

Branch Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Councillor and Delegate to Group and State Conferences and Handicraft Officer.

Group Positions: President, Vice President, Group Representative to State Executive, Handicraft Officer and current Agricultural

& Environmental Officer.

State Positions: Vice President, State Restructure Committee and current Agricultural & Environmental Officer.

State Social Issues Officer

UNOPPOSED

Leonie Fish—South Grafton Evening Branch, North Coast Group

Member for 43 years.

Branch Positions: President (current), Secretary, Treasurer, International, Cultural, Councillor to Group and Delegate to State Conferences.

Group Positions: President and Representative to State 2016–2018, Vice President, Secretary (current), International Officer

(3).

State Positions: Social Issues Committee member (3 years, current), member of State Choir.

Citation: I joined CWA in 1978. I made new friends and enjoyed working together as a team, supporting CWA

ventures. I am married with three children and three teenage grandchildren. Family gatherings are precious as we all live in different parts of NSW.

I completed schooling in Tamworth and trained as an Infants' Teacher in Armidale. I had the most wonderful working life and was privileged to be part of so many children's lives. 'Learning is a Life-long Journey'—and I learned so much from interacting with children over a career of 45 years. I had the opportunity to be involved in programs for children with educational and well-being issues.

I have been a member of the Social Issues Committee for three years. So many women, children and families face the challenges of loneliness, poverty, and domestic violence in their daily life. I have attended meetings for KWOOP on behalf of CWA. The role of State Social Issues Officer and the Committee is vital to ensure the continuation of this advocacy work in CWA.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my years as a member of CWA. Many new friendships have been made and I have been on some steep learning curves, when taking on new positions. All this has strengthened my interest and enjoyment, being a part of CWA.

State Vice Presidents

UNOPPOSED

(Catherine) Ann Adams OAM—Oura Branch, Riverina Group



Member for 55 years (life member).

Branch Positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, International, Agricultural & Environmental, Cultural, The Land Cookery, Social Secretary, Publicity, Vice President, Councillor to Group and Delegate to State Conferences.

Group Positions: President and Representative to State Executive 1999–2001, and 2016–2018, Vice President, International, Publicity, Cultural, Choir Convenor/ Conductress, CWA representative to Steering Committee to "Save the Ethel Forrest Aged Care Facilities", Aged Care Planning Committee, 2 years, Representative to Fairfax Media Board 2016–2018.

State Positions: Honorary Secretary, Vice President. Member of ACWW. Potts Point Club Committee, State Choir. Observer to CWAA Triennial Conferences Canberra and Darwin, Delegate for CWAA Conference in Ballarat and Canberra. Delegate to ACWW Conference in Canada and Melbourne, observer Hobart. Observer to South Pacific Area Conferences Perth, NZ and Tonga.

Citation: Educated St Joseph's College Perthville, Wagga TAFE, and Charles Sturt University. Past member of Baldry, Bedgerebong, and Batlow Branches before instigating to reform the Oura Branch in 1992. Grew up on a sheep, wheat and cattle property before marriage,

purchased property Bedgerebong, set up an intensive piggery with irrigation and lucerne. Moved to Wagga 1982 owned a fast food and take away business before working at Great Southern Energy Training Facility, and then 18 years at Wagga Wagga Winery and Restaurant.

The past 30 years have also helped my husband on our property establish the only commercial cherry orchard in Wagga Wagga, also running ewes and lambs. Having now sold our property we have moved into Wagga and are enjoying time with family, grandchildren (12) and great grandchildren (5). CWA has been in our family for several generations and is really in my heart. I enjoy all aspects of CWA and have certainly enjoyed my role as past State Honorary Secretary and two years as a Vice President. If re-elected I will do my best to uphold the traditions and prestige of CWA and do my best to fulfil my duties to assist our new State President, whilst at the same promoting our fantastic Association.

Bronwyn Dunston—Singleton Branch, Hunter River Group



Member for 25 years.

Branch Positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, International, Cultural, Publicity. Councillor to Group Council meetings and Group annual meetings. Delegate to State Conference.

Group Positions: Representative to State Executive (3), President (3), Secretary (3), Treasurer (3), International (3), Vice President (4) and Treasurer (current).

State Positions: Representative on Social Issues Committee (2), Social Issues Officer (3), Land Cookery—member (14), Chairman (3) and Secretary (3).

ACWW: Member for 18 years.

CWAA: Observer at CWAA Conference Canberra. Delegate to South Pacific Area Conference Port Moresby.

Citation: I am third generation CWA member and in my time at CWA I have held many positions at a branch, group and state level. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every single one of these positions and although at times it has challenged me; I have been able to learn, contribute and enjoy the friendship CWA has given to me over many years.

I am married with one daughter and twin sons. I have seven grandchildren. I have worked in retail all my working life at all levels. I have dealt with administration, management, stock control and human resources.

In addition to my CWA work I also hold a position as Chair on the board of an Aged & Disability service provider delivering multiple services across the Hunter, and I'm a member of the subcommittees overseeing WHS, governance, quality assurance and finance.

Together, we can do incredible work. Thank you.

Coffee

Coffee grows wild in the highland forests of Ethiopia, Sudan and northern Kenya as an understory tree. The stimulating effect of the coffee bean has been recognised for almost 2,000 years, and today, coffee is the world's most widely traded tropical agricultural commodity. Coffee is sought and valued the world over as a brewed beverage.

The coffee tree is an evergreen woody perennial that produces green fruit called cherries, which become red when ripe and bear up to two beans (or seeds). The cherries are harvested from the tree and processed to extract the beans, which are dried to produce dry green beans, the tradable commodity of the coffee tree. Dry green beans may be marketed directly to wholesalers; roasted for

sale as whole beans or ground coffee for the café and retail markets; or roasted, processed and powdered to produce instant coffee.

World wide, coffee drinkers are becoming more discerning about how and where their coffee is produced, as well as spending more time preparing and drinking coffee. Boutique-style and “clean and green” are strong selling points for Australian coffee in domestic and overseas markets.

The tropical areas of Queensland and subtropical areas of south east Queensland and north east New South Wales are the most suitable locations for coffee production due to temperature, water availability, well-draining soils and freedom from frost.

Coffee plantations in Australia vary in size from a few hectares to 20–40 hectares. Trees are planted at densities of 2,500–4,000 trees per hectare and reach full production in four or five years. A mature plantation will yield about 1-2t/ha of dry green beans.

The modern coffee industry of Australia began in the 1980s with the advent of mechanical harvesting. As the Australian coffee industry matures, it is identifying and implementing more efficient farming systems and more sophisticated processing techniques, enabling consistent production of high quality coffee beans.

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Advocacy Update

As you are aware, our lobbying and advocacy work, along with many other community groups, led to a great outcome in relation to the Shenhua Watermark mine at Breeza. Recently, the final land sales were completed to allow the land which was owned by the mine, to go back to locals and one corporate entity, to be farmed. Our understanding is that there is also a parcel reserved for LLS to manage for biodiversity outcomes and potential indigenous activities/engagement. It is still important that we continue to highlight the ongoing threats to agricultural land and water in this area. As a result, we took the opportunity to talk about this issue with several local farmers and CWA members, who were able to talk about their experiences and concerns which we were able to publicise via our social media channels.

Rural health remains an ongoing and very important advocacy matter for CWA of NSW, with a state parliamentary inquiry into the issue

recently wrapping up its extensive hearing schedule, and NSW Health issuing an apology to rural people for their sub-standard experiences in rural health service delivery. We had the opportunity to be part of a forum recorded for Country Hour recently to further talk about the issue and push for wholesale reform and structural change. We also note and welcome the addition of a regional health portfolio to the NSW Ministry and congratulate The Hon. Bronnie Taylor in taking up this very important role.

We made a brief submission to the rural bank closures issue, which was informed by the many stories and examples that members had given us about the impacts of bank closures in their local communities.

A key current piece of work of the Social Issues Committee is the review of the Draft National Plan to End Violence against women and children. CWA of NSW successfully lobbied for an extension to the time frame for comments, which

when the plan was first released, was proposed to be a two-week window only and submitted and well researched and thorough submission to this process.

We are continuing to monitor developments in relation to Inland Rail matters. The recent Senate Inquiry into Inland Rail recommended that a mediator be appointed to facilitate sessions between CWA of NSW, NSW Farmers and ARTC.

We are also monitoring the work of the state government who have recently appointed a consultant to review the costs payable to landholders in the event of needing to negotiate or arbitrate with mining companies seeking access to land. We are not satisfied that the current cost caps are adequate, and we are further concerned about any potential erosion on landholder rights in this space. We have recently written to the Deputy Premier to outline our concerns in this regard.

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to these new members of our branches:

Albury Annette Marks, Diana Nicholson, Elaine Scott **Albury Evening** Rebekah Kendell **Armidale** Jennie Snell **Ballina** Deborah Pawsey **Bangalow** Karen Macdonald, Carmella Mountier **Batemans Bay** Jan Sheehy **Bathurst Evening** Sue Kanne **Bathurst Evening** Del Lochrin, Yvette Middleton **Bega** Elizabeth Mallett **Bendemeer** Lynette Brand, Carolann Brown, Kim Foster, Elsie George **Bermagui & District** Victoria Treole **Binalong** Poppy Rouse **Bowral** Cheryl Cisterne, Carol Pratley **Braidwood** Gina Greentree, Fran Raymond **Brewarrina** Dina Elliott **Broken Hill** Joanne Baker, Fran Greville, Cristina Tolu **Bulahdelah** Bernadette Sexton **Bundarra** Vicki Light **Bungendore** Laura Burton **Canberra** Jelica Stepic **Canberra Evening** Renee Jones, Ashleigh Keeling, Liz Nield **Casino** Chrissy Matheou, Meigan Williams **Castle Hill** Martha Maiorana **Cessnock Evening** Miriam Miles **Cobargo** Felicity Ruby **Collarenebri** Sharon Devereux, Tracey Rainford, Jessica Sluyter, Carol Smith, Shelley Thistleton, Kirsty Witts **Collie Evening** Denielle Smith **Collingullie** Neha Singh **Coonamble Evening** Margaret Markey, Jane Sawers **Cowra Evening** Wendy Brooks **Crookwell** Katrina Anthony **Crookwell Evening** Helga Bourke **Cumnock** Debra Owens **Dungog-Clarence Town** Kimbalee Hodges, Katherine Muss **East Maitland** Lois Bird **Eastwood-Epping** Carmel Reilly **Enngonia** Barbara Alessi **Exeter**

Mariamma Mitchell Forbes Susan Jolliffe **Forster** Barbara Filter **Georges River** Panayiota Karanasos **Gilgandra Evening** Jillian O'Connor **Gloucester** Mary Ironfield **Goodooga-Lightning Ridge** Franka Friedrichs-Borkovic **Goulburn** Joanne Greenwood, Jean Montague **Goulburn Evening** Rebeka Wolfe **Harden** Leonie Hunter, Paris Hunter **Ilford-Running Stream** Jayde Cannon **Iluka** Ruth Dawson **Jerangle-Peak View** Alison Chappell **Jindabyne** Jean Cuthbert **Kandos** Lisa Firkins **Kootingal** Jillian Grey **Lismore** Jodi Adams, Valerie Britland, Thelma James **Maclean** Sarah Clarke, Carrie Fairweather, Tiffany Goode, Fiona Lynch **Maitland** Kathryn OToole **Majors Creek** Norah Bradley **Manly** Anna Gurevich, Juvena Hannan, Therese Sokar **Mascot Evening** Kathryn Haynes, Margaret Noonan **Merriwa** Kathy Russell **Milton District** Lynette Adams, Rhonda Puncocar **Mittagong** Olga Curtis **Moruya** Tracey Watt **Moss Vale Evening** Elsebeth Petersen **Mudgee Day** Louise Manwaring **Mudgee Evening** Mel Holgate, Carolyn McMickan **Murrurundi** Justine Gotham **Muswellbrook** Donna Asimus **Narooma** Susan Bullen, Doreen Bunce, Moira Cusack, Pam Hardie, Jenny Helmore, Christine Knox, Sandra Lowe, Anne Morrison, Fiona Van Dam **Nashdale** Alisa Lockhart, Emily Miller, Caro Webster **Nelson Bay** Carol Berry **Nelson Bay Evening** Dianne McKenzie **Nimbin** Lana Kay, René Norwie **Nimmitabel** Jean White **Nowra** Delphine Anderson, Anne Eltherington, Janice Gomes, Sonya Knapp, Donna Mephram,

Julie Savage **Nymagee** Chloe Harley **Oaklands** Susie Scott **Old Bonalbo** Leanne Coonan, Emily Ducat **Orange** Sally Bath, Lesley Smith **Parkes** Lyndal Edge **Port Kembla** Leanne Little **Quandialla** Helen Delphine, Christine McDonald, Wendy Spinelli, Kelly Whitton **Queanbeyan Evening** Averill Corcoran, Robyn Richmond **Scone & District** Eleanor Bernardine **Singleton Sundowners** Rachel Emanuel, Jodie Moylan, Hiari Pearce, Erika Wagstaff **Somersby** Jamie Watson **Southern Highlands Evening** Valerie Bush **Sydney City** Kathryn Chiba, Heather Forbes, Greta James, Vivian Law, Margaret-Anne Mayo **Tambar Springs** Kate Broughton **Tamworth** Cassaie Wallace **Tamworth Evening** Katherine Sherrie **Taralga** Pia Winder **Taree** Mari Clayton **Terrigal** Nancy Har **The Oaks Evening** Louise Gowing, Wendy Thomson **The Rock** Noeline Blume **Tilba** Belinda Hicks **Trangie** Nadine Smith **Tuggerah Lakes** Rhonda Ford, Anne Seymour **Umina Beach** Pamela Avery-Pearce, Maria Routledge **Ungarie** Lyn Golding **Uranquinty Evening** Geraldine Grant **Urunga** Michelle Stockton **Virtual** Kaitlin Lawrence, Marissa Taylor **Wagga Wagga Evening** Felicity Hall, Jessica Keemink, Sue-Annah Knight, Mikayla Woods **Wauchope** Nicola DiBona **Wee Waa** Stacey Vogel **Weemelah** Pauline Peters **Wingham** Pat Gaitskell **Woolgoolga** Bernie Osborne **Woy Woy** Joan Hilton **Yass** Fiona Mason, Kerry Patterson **Young** Suzanne Eagle.

A letter enclosing your membership card has been sent to you.

Centenary Morning Tea at Government House

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr Dennis Wilson hosted a morning tea for the centenary of the Country Women's Association on 23rd March 2022.



How we're working to improve connectivity in remote areas with Low Earth Orbit satellites



We're teaming up with OneWeb – a leading satellite provider – to get more connectivity into hard-to-reach locations using Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites.

We've been connecting regional Australia for more than a hundred years, but that doesn't mean we stop looking for new ways to improve connectivity.

Tackling the digital divide

We're always on the lookout for new technology and work hard to ensure that those on the other side of the digital divide have the technology they need to stay connected and informed.

This is especially important as the world rapidly goes online post-pandemic, and it's why we've been investing in better regional and rural coverage for more than 100 years.

It's about providing connectivity when it matters most and putting the right technology in the hands of those in regional and remote areas by working with government and industries like agriculture, mining and health to enable them to be part of the digital economy.

That's why we've announced a new partnership with OneWeb at this year's Mobile World Congress in Barcelona to work together to improve connectivity across Australia and our region for our customers.

Working with OneWeb could allow us to boost connectivity in hard-to-reach places across rural and regional Australia with a combination of our mobile network and OneWeb's Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite technology.

It also opens the possibility of bringing high-speed, low latency connectivity from space, as well as support enterprise and small businesses across Australia and improve the resilience of our existing network.

How do Low Earth Orbit (LEO) communication satellites work?

The Earth is surrounded by satellites, each one serving a different and important role. Traditional "Geosynchronous Earth Orbit" or GEO satellites work by staying in

geosynchronous orbit at 35,786km above the Earth, staying focussed on one part of the land at a time, whereas 'Low Earth Orbit' or LEO satellites circle the earth in orbits of 500km to 1,200km moving their communication beams as they move over the surface of the earth.

In concert with other satellites (known as a "constellation"), LEO satellites like those used by OneWeb work together to bring high-speed, low-latency internet connectivity to areas where it was previously unavailable.

OneWeb is making significant progress in building its constellation and currently has 428 satellites in low earth orbit, representing more than two thirds of its planned fleet, delivering connectivity to customers in remote regions of Alaska, Canada, and the North Sea.

Launches will continue during 2022 to enable the company to offer commercial connectivity services globally later this year, and we'll be working together to determine what this looks like for Australia and the region soon.

Using OneWeb's LEO technology, we hope to make progress closing the digital divide by putting connectivity into the hands of those currently without it.

What is the digital divide?

The term "digital divide" refers to the gap between those who have access to

technology and online services, and those who don't. Individuals and/or communities who don't have access to technology are often hamstrung by socio-economic, geographic or technological factors.

We have been measuring Australia's digital divide for years, and noted that progress to close it remains slow. And that's becoming more and more of a problem as time goes on.

The pandemic has triggered an explosion in online and digital service. We're currently riding a wave of digitisation unlike any other, that industry observers expected to take over a decade to develop.

Instead of waiting, we now live in a world where e-health consultations are held over vast distances in high-resolution; digital health records; online government service and more. There are even some civic activities you can't do unless you have a smartphone and/or a connection to the internet, and it's leaving some people behind.

Indeed, it's those who live or work in some of the most remote parts of Australia that are being left behind by digitisation and need these services most.

We can't sit on the sidelines, and we want to play our part: that's why we're teaming up with a range of partners, including OneWeb, to help close the digital divide together.



Image: Telstra CEO Andrew Penn and OneWeb CEO, Neil Masterson signing the new agreement

Sudoku

How to Play Sudoku

Every row must have the numbers 1-9 appear once. Every column must have the numbers 1-9 appear once. Every 3x3 box must have the numbers 1-9 appear once. Solution in the next edition.

Tip: you can start by looking for the numbers that are missing in a row and see if you can eliminate any of those numbers by looking at the other numbers in the columns or squares around it.

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Puzzle Rating: Very Easy. Source: www.sudoku-puzzles.net

February's Solutions

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2	7	4	1	6	9	8	5	3
3	8	5	7	4	2	6	9	1
6	9	7	4	2	3	5	1	8
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Puzzle Rating: Medium

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8	1	6	5	9	4	3	7	2
4	5	7	2	8	3	1	9	6
5	2	9	1	4	8	6	3	7
6	4	8	3	7	5	9	2	1
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Puzzle Rating: Hard

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7	8	5	3	9	1	4	2	6
5	2	6	4	1	3	7	9	8
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8	4	9	2	7	5	6	1	3

Puzzle Rating: Very Hard

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Puzzle Rating: Hard. Source: www.sudoku-puzzles.net

Celebrations

Oaklands



A great honour and congratulations to Oaklands Branch. Plenty of smiles from Secretary Heather Kerr and Treasurer Cathie Sutcliffe when they accepted the Australia Day Award for Community Group of the Year 2022, awarded by the Federation Council (a local government area located in the Riverina region of NSW). This area was formed in 2016 from the merger of the Corowa Shire (known as birthplace of Federation) and its neighbouring Urana Shire.

Keiraville



At our January meeting, our patron and stalwart, Ada Rayner was presented her certificate of life membership and we also celebrated Ada's 90th birthday. Ada was a member of the Younger Set 1956-1963 and an inaugural member of Keiraville CWA Branch 1963. She held the position of Branch President from 1965 to 1968 and Branch International Officer for a number of years. She received her long service award in 2013 for 50 years of membership, became Branch co-patron in 2015 and patron in 2017.

Euberta



Members of the Euberta Branch recently greeted Barbara Johnston OAM with the news that she had been given life membership of the CWA of NSW. Barbara humbly accepted her badge and certificate from Riverina Group President, Carol Grylls. Barbara joined the branch in 1978 and has held many key positions at all levels. Barbara's daughter and two of her granddaughters, all also members of Euberta Branch, were present at our special morning tea. Photo: Seated Barbara Johnston OAM, Standing L-R: Elaine Armstrong OAM and Carol Grylls, Riverina Group President and patron.

Terramungamine



A very exciting and a surprise moment for Janice Stanford. Janice received her certificate of life membership and badge in recognition of her long service of over 45 years to the Terramungamine Branch as well as Group. Janice has held many positions within her branch and group. It was a wonderful morning for all the Terramungamine members. Photo: Janice being presented her badge by Past State President, Ruth Shanks AM

Moss Vale



At our January meeting we had the pleasure to celebrate our member Marian Seville's 80th birthday and also present her with her 20 year long service bar. Marian joined Moss Vale Branch in 2000 and has held the position of Group Treasurer. She is actively serving the branch as the current Branch Treasurer.

Werris Creek



Members from Werris Creek Branch recently celebrated in style when their branch had the honour of serving their local community for over the last 90 years. Although numbers attending were limited due to COVID-19 regulations, a wonderful birthday party was organised and held at the local bowling club. The branch originally opened on 3 September 1931 with an enrolment number of 19 new members. This number grew to a peak of 64 members by 1960. Fifteen existing and retired members, along with 11 guests from within the Namoi Group, were entertained, on the day by many humorous anecdotes and the wonderful memories revived from past times by our longest serving member and life member, 93 year old Betty Cross who cut the beautifully decorated birthday cake. Photo: Betty is pictured with Branch Secretary, Pauline McCulloch; Namoi Group Treasurer, Michelle Eggins and Branch President, Wendy O'Brien

Story of the Month

Cowra Branch

One of Cowra Evening Branch's pleasurable tasks each year is to host the Australia Day luncheon, featuring the Australia Day Ambassador as guest speaker. The 2022 Ambassador was "Australia's Most Travelled Woman", Catriona Rowntree. Catriona enthralled the large audience with her tales of

exciting and hair-raising travels around the world working on Getaway until COVID-19 appeared. She has been travelling throughout Australia more recently in for Channel 9's Country House Hunters Australia. Catriona said interviewing many influential people such as Donald Trump were some of her highlights and it was interesting to note that Catriona's

favourite place visited and highly recommended was Bhutan.



From our Branches

Belmont Branch



Cookery Officer, Kerry Warne, giving the cheque to Hub President, Margaret Standen.

Belmont Branch recently made a donation to Our Community Place at Windale. Our Community Place will use the money to purchase food for their outlet "The Hub". The Hub provides a lunchtime meal once a week for the needy and gives them access to government and local services.

Cartwrights Hill Branch



L to R: Shirley Sampson, Joyce Mattingly, Doris Thomson, Enid Lang, Leola Hull and Janet Kaine

The Cartwrights Hill Branch was formed on 5th September 1951 with Mrs Mary Thomson elected President and Mrs Dorothy Hull as Secretary. 70 years later Mrs Doris Thomson is Cultural Officer and Mrs Leola Hull is Treasurer. These two ladies are the daughters-in-law of those first two ladies. Doris has been a member for over 60 years and Leola for 58 years. Can any other branches beat this for family membership?

Cootamundra Branch

Cootamundra Branch enjoyed a talk by guest speaker, Kate Lonergan, from the Cootamundra Community Kitchen. Kate spoke of the work



Kate Lonergan, with members Jill Thompson and Carole Osborne. Jill is also a hard worker for the Community Kitchen.

done to give a meal once a week to locals in need. Close on 100 meals are cooked and either eaten at the Baptist Hall on a Wednesday evening, or collected to take away. She paid tribute to local businesses who kindly donate food, but their biggest expense is meat which they have to buy. The branch made a donation of \$200 towards their costs.

Jamberoo Branch

Jamberoo members met at the home of our Handicraft Officer to finalise, organise and complete our koala and lavender bag challenge. These items displayed were our commitment to the 2022 CWA Show Bags. Our branch produced a great result. Members have been busy knitting koalas, stitching, assembling and adding their special features. Also, drying lavender for our beautifully hand-crafted bags. Time, effort and imagination was the essence for the success of this project.

Our reward: we completed and achieved the challenge with love.



Kandos Branch



Kandos, Ilford-Running Stream and Rylstone Branches together organised and hosted an International Women's Day luncheon at Kandos Community Hall on 8 March. Jane Caro, well-known social commentator, was guest speaker to a full hall, including local school students. She urged us to Break the Bias because we are safer in an egalitarian society. Other speakers included Indigenous elders, an agronomist and health worker. A monster raffle with 20 prizes donated by local businesses was hugely popular, as well as a lucky door prize. The day was also a celebration of the CWA centenary and a cake was donated by Federal Member for Calare, Andrew Gee.

Keiraville Branch

Our amazing Diane Moffitt, assisted by Keiraville's Land Cookery Officer, Marion Cook, gave ladies from Keiraville Branch an amazing demonstration in the cooking of scones. It was so good to learn the simple thing or two that we missed



when baking. Oh, the after effects, yummy scones. Plain, date & orange, gluten free. All were amazing.

Kurrajong Branch



On a rainy day in Kurrajong, with the Hawkesbury River valley in major flood again, some members joined with the local ladies' walking group to celebrate International Women's Day. This was the first celebration for our newly renovated hall and captured the spirit of the Centenary of CWA.

Leura Branch



Junior member, Meaghan recently helped the branch prepare for their very successful Christmas stall by decorating gingerbread.

Milvale Branch



At our January meeting Milvale Branch acknowledged the 50th

wedding anniversary of three of our members and their husbands, which were celebrated in different ways during the pandemic. The members are (from L to R in photo) Lorraine Schiller and husband Michael, Cynthia Coddington and husband Robert and Lila Warren and husband Graham. Our best wishes go to then all for many more years of marriage.

Murray Hut Branch



Dora and her daughter with Nola

Murray Hut CWA president Nola Pinnuck recently presented Dora Ventura with the Murray Hut CWA award at the 2021 Finley TAFE presentation to students. Dora overcame many adversities to excel in her studies in Aged Care.

Nowra Branch



The 2022 Nowra Show was a great success and luckily the rain that was forecast stayed away. Members of the Nowra Branch were successful in the handicraft and cooking competitions. Barbara Grant won 1st place for her knitted children's jumper while Sandra Martin won 1st prize for her iced marble cake and 1st prize for her iced butter cake

together with 2nd prize for her scones. We also had an information stall at the Show with a chance for potential members to chat with our members about the work that we do along with finding out about our handicraft/social mornings and our cooking competitions. There were handicraft activities for the children with worry worms, crochet and some colouring-in that were very popular. A display in the pavilion exhibited the variety of activities undertaken by the Nowra Branch. The colourful display was very eye-catching. Thank you Barbara Grant and Brenda Lukes for their work in putting the display together. With great success in the competitions, our display cabinet and information stall, we are looking forward to next year's Show already.

Orange Branch



Australia Day saw at least 15 ladies from the Orange Branch come together in traditional style to warmly welcome in our newest Australian citizens to the city of Orange. It was lovely to see such a diverse array of ages, faces and nationalities throughout the gorgeous morning in Cook Park. In total, 35 gorgeous morning tea packs were freshly assembled in the early hours of the day, so that they could later be distributed to our new citizens and family members. Each COVID-friendly pack was decorated with a lovely sprig of eucalyptus to add a touch of Australia. Our morning tea packs included baked chocolate treats, high tea style sandwiches, savoury delicacies, beautifully decorated cupcakes and were well received by our community members.

Oura Branch



Oura member Prue Mackellar with her entry

Wagga Wagga City Council organised a morning of festivities at the Victory Memorial Gardens for Australia Day 2022 and all branches within the Local Government Area were invited to participate in a lamington competition. It was all a lot of fun especially as the Mayor was the judge and taste tested all entries! A great start to our centenary year of activities and celebration.

Southern Highlands Evening Branch



Mary Howarth spoke at our March meeting about BlazeAid where she has worked as a volunteer for the past 9½ years, after buying a caravan and heading off looking for adventure. Members loved her story and her talk. On 6th March we held a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, the first in after two years. The weather was shocking but our

volunteers were enthusiastic and sales were good considering the conditions. Some funds raised went to the CWA Disaster Relief Fund. In April, we have an Autumn/Winter Fashion Parade scheduled, hosted by member Maryke Hession. Members will bring a plate to share. Entry fee and 10% of sales will go to our Southern Highlands Evening General Fund and the CWA Disaster Relief Fund.

Tarcutta Branch



Tarcutta Branch member, Annette Forsyth, won the best lamingtons at the recent Australia Day Lamington competition run by Wagga Wagga City Council. This was to recognise the centenary of CWA of NSW. Mayor Dallas Tout judged the lamingtons and said he really didn't know anything about cooking. Annette said she had never made them before! It was a fun morning with branches in Riverina Group competing. Cartwrights Hill and Wagga Wagga Evening were Highly Commended.

Toukley Branch

Toukley Branch won the Publicity Trophy in the Northumberland Group for 2021. June Howard,



Branch Vice-President and members Francine Gunesch and Yvonne Coleman received it on behalf of Jennifer McIntosh, Branch Publicity Officer. We are fortunate and have had good publicity in local press and through our monthly markets and shopping centre stalls.

Woy Woy Branch

Gail joined Woy Woy Branch at the beginning of 2019 after her group home applied for NDIS funding so that she could join and attend with her nurse, Marina. From the very first day Gail came through the doors, she was welcomed with open arms and we have never looked back. Shy at first and a little overwhelmed by the amount of people and the constant chatter of craft and chat days it did not take her long to warm to the branch and form friendships and bonds with other members. Gail chooses colours of the yarn that Marina knits into beanies for the birthing kits for NSW Ambulance. When she attends monthly meetings she listens carefully and will often speak out or call for quiet when the President dings the bell. The noise immediately ceases thanks to Gail.



She has baked for the cookery competition, recently placing 3rd for her sweet mustard pickles. She beamed with happiness. Members have happily attended her home to celebrate Christmas with her. Her family and staff at her care home always tell us that Gail has gained so much by joining the CWA and being part of the community. Really, we think we are the lucky ones as she has brought a joyful innocence and her beautiful smile warms our hearts.

From our Groups

Riverina Group



Lynne Graham, Carol Grylls

At the December Council meeting Riverina Group President, Carol Grylls presented a cheque for \$900 to Carevan Founder and Supervisor Lynne Graham. This was the result of the Group's Project for 2021.

Branches also supplied many non-perishable food gifts to them. As last year was a difficult year to fundraise, Carevan will again be the Group Project for 2022. Carevan is a non-profit organisation in Wagga Wagga and operates entirely on donations of volunteers and grants. They supply meals on a weekly basis to the needy. They get no government funding. Many CWA members help are Carevan volunteers.

Wanthella Group

In March, the branches of Wanthella Group came together in Nundle to celebrate the Association's 100th anniversary. In recognition of one of the local founding members, Miss

Mary Payne and with a 1920s theme, the branches enjoyed a garden party and heard the story of Miss Payne's achievements in the CWA and the support she brought to the region through her involvement. Thanks to Nundle Branch for organising and hosting this great day.



Member's Contribution: Discovering my Grandmother's Connection to CWA

The last time I saw my grandmother, Caroline Amelia Goodhew, before she passed away, she and I kicked a soccer ball around my parents' backyard. She was 85, I was 11. I knew nothing about her dedication to the CWA and her community at the time and it would be many years before I did; before I began asking questions as I hit the family history road.

My journey of questions and a memorable visit with my mother to her beloved Crookwell, where she was born and lived until she married my father, led me through the doors of the CWA rooms where my grandmother unveiled the plaque of in 1955, to become a member myself, and each time I am in the rooms my eyes are drawn to my grandmothers' name engraved upon the President's board, a smile touching both my face and my heart. She was the President from 1936-1951.

To me, my grandmother was a remarkable woman—like all everyday women, who get on with the business of life and do their best to help those they care about.

My grandmother joined the

Crookwell in the early years after the branch was formed. My mother, Helen Connolly (nee Goodhew), now 94, remembers the enormous respect and high regard my grandmother had for Mrs Laver, founder and first President of the first CWA branch formed, the Crookwell Branch.

My mother also remembers the many times my grandmother was to be found in her kitchen, scrumptious smells wafting through the house, as she baked for street stalls, wedding receptions and dances hosted by the CWA. "She would let me take a few cherries from the bowl before she made her delicious cherry cake," said my Mum, with a cheeky grin. Mum added: "I remember the time she found out few others could cook for a street stall the next day, so she baked all night, the next morning carting the cakes and biscuits in a wheelbarrow because Dad had taken the truck. Backwards and forwards she went!"

People knocking on the front door asking for help; my grandmother off to meet other ladies to make camouflage nets during the war; lining up her five daughters to knit

socks and jumpers, and cooking fruit cake to send to the soldiers. These are more of my Mum's memories.

My Mum's memories are like treasure to me, they add to my own, of a loving grandmother who greeted you in the morning with a glass of milk and a still-warm-something from the oven. When we stayed with her, I would be aware of her quiet movements in the house long before we pried our eyes open.

Another memory of Mum's though, is my favourite—the day a little girl ran up to my Mum, a child herself at the time, at school and hugged her. Why? Because my Mum had told my grandmother that the little girl did not have any warm clothes or shoes and my grandmother and her CWA friends gathered and gifted what the little girl needed.

It is my favourite memory because it embodies the spirit of the CWA—women banding together to help others. Women making a difference.

And 100 years after the first branch of the CWA was formed in Crookwell, I have witnessed that spirit still well and truly alive.

Ann Connolly, Crookwell Branch

Garden of Remembrance

The following branches mourn the loss of valued members:

Albury

Dawn Hall—ex Rand; held every executive position in branch and Group; served as State Vice President; awarded a long service bar and life membership of Albury Branch in 2016, enthusiastic member for 36 years—aged 75.

Dorothy Hamilton—former member since 1982; held many positions within the branch and Group and was a delegate at State Conference; life member and a keen hand crafter and cook; members are honoured to have known Dorothy—aged 93.

Veronica (Di) Wood—former member; past Secretary and held other offices; a member of other branches throughout the state where she held positions; a proud ex servicewoman—aged 89.

Bellata

Pat Meppem—past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Agricultural & Environmental Officer, Cultural Officer and was one of our current Vice Presidents plus a special office of 'Light Entertainment'; Branch Councillor and delegate to State Conference; helped at many of our functions including clearing sales, catering for weddings and funerals, street stalls; entered Handicraft at branch and group level and won at state with a piece of tatting; received a long service bar in 2012 and recently a Special Award celebrating CWA's 100 years with a certificate and a centenary badge; sadly missed by her many friends; a guard of honour was formed by members of CWA at her funeral; member for 30 years—aged 95 to the day.

Belmont

Mary King—a member for over 36 years, Mary enjoyed attending special events and she supported the branch financially for many years; awarded a long service bar.

Berry

Lorna Knapp—ex Jamberoo Vice President and Secretary for 8 years; Land Cookery Bicentennial Award winner; Group Councillor, State Conference delegate, Cookery Judge; Berry Branch Cookery Officer 11 years, Group Cookery Officer 10 years, State Cookery Committee member; Group Conference delegate; awarded a 20-year long service bar, life membership and 50 year medallion; much-loved member who is sadly missed—aged 94.

Braidwood

Joy Van Zomeren—Joy by name and joy by nature; ex Tarago where she held the position of President, Branch Councillor to Group and delegate to State Conferences; she brought wonderful catering expertise and support to Branch events and gave unstintingly of her time; Joy loved scrapbooking and made the most beautiful cards; a wise counsellor and a great friend in times of need; greatly missed by all who knew her.

Casino

Marian McInnes—a much loved and valued member for over 23 years; awarded a Long Service Bar; past Cultural Officer, Agricultural & Environmental Officer, and worked closely with the International Officer; worked tirelessly in all areas of fundraising; her date rolls were a favourite at cake stalls; skilled in needlework, crochet and

knitting—aged 90.

Dubbo

Betty Shuttle—long term member until illness prevented her; a very keen, skilled hand crafter who was still entering the group handicraft competition well into her 90s; also remembered for her many successes in the annual International Doll dressing competition; she held many branch positions as well as Group Handicraft Officer; an inspiration to all who knew her and will be sadly missed.

Dungog-Clarence Town

Kay Edwards — member for nearly 41 years; Kay was our "flower lady" and many times created a lovely floral posy if needed, and often an Anzac wreath; well known for her beautiful cooking, Kay focussed her efforts on fund-raising and organising for the Dungog Sunshine Club that met in our CWA Hall; sadly missed.

Emerald Hill

Dorothy (Dot) Buchanan—former member who served as Secretary, Historian and Patron; awarded a 50 year medallion; member for 65 years; a lovely lady who is fondly remembered—aged 93.

Galston

Judy Cadman—joined in 1969 and is fondly remembered for her active involvement at branch, group and state level; Branch President, Treasurer and Secretary for many years, recognised by a long service bar and life membership; compiled Galston's Record of 50 Years of Service; participated in CWA activities and initiatives; Judy was instrumental in the joining of some of our current members.

Keiraville

Joan Hill—ex Bulli and Balgownie, past Branch President and Group International Officer, attending many seminars in Armidale; loved all conferences; awarded a long service bar; member for 47 years—aged 85.

Majors Creek

Norma Flack—past Cookery Officer, interested in everything cookery and handicraft; she was from the pioneering families of the Braidwood District; Norma missed her planned Teapot Cosy Event, but she will be there in spirit and in our hearts; a well-loved member for four years who will be dearly missed.

Mannering Park

Dawn Wall—past International Officer, President, Secretary, Group Representative, and our current Treasurer; a wonderful cook and seamstress, and would do everything from painting walls to weeding gardens, all capably and cheerfully; most fondly remembered for her portrayal of Cher singing “Turning Back Time” at our Cultural event—what a happy memory!!

Oura

Patience McMahon—a much valued and active member for over 50 years; ex Trangie, Jerilderie, Hay, and Narrandera; life membership awarded 2002, 50 year medallion

2017; a very kind and gracious lady who always thought of others in need, she contributed significantly to all Branches she belonged to holding many positions at Branch, group and state level, and being a very hands on member over all areas of CWA; missed by all who knew her.

Urunga

Irene George—former member of our branch for over 47 years; a very active and valued member, a good friend and sadly missed by all.

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