

Eighty Sixth Annual General Meeting Agenda

Monday 5th to Thursday 8th May, 2008

The Twin Towns Services Club, Tweed Heads

Official Opening: Monday 5th May, 2008 at 9.30 am

Business Sessions: Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th May, 2008 commencing at 9.00 am

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

1a. BURREN JUNCTION BRANCH (Barwon Group)

MANILLA BRANCH (Namoi Group):

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for the year 2008-2009 be Umbilical Cord Stem Cell Research."

1b. TIBOOBURRA BRANCH (Darling River Group):

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for the year 2008-2009 be Prostate Cancer."

1c. WONGARBON BRANCH (Macquarie Group):

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for the year 2008-2009 be Macular Degeneration."

2. CANBERRA BRANCH (Monaro Group):

"That CWA of NSW alter future promotional material, including the website, to read 'membership is open to all women residing in NSW and the ACT.'"

3. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

"That CWA of NSW trials a four day weekend State Conference in 2010."

AGRICULTURAL/ENVIRONMENTAL

4. MYALL CREEK BRANCH (Gwydir Group):

"That CWA of NSW request the appropriate Ministers either -

(i) to continue the funding for the Cooperative Research Centre for Australian Weed Management; or

(ii) to establish a permanent centre, based at a rural university, to continue the role currently being carried out by this CRC."

HEALTH/SOCIAL SECURITY

5. NARROMINE BRANCH (Far Western Group):

"That CWA of NSW urge the Federal Minister for Health to fully investigate the medical prescribing of the drug 'Ritalin' for children with ADHD and associated disorders, to ensure the prevention of over use of this drug for behavioural problems without full exploration of all causative factors."

6. MOREE BRANCH (Gwydir Group):

"That CWA of NSW request the Department of Health provide funding to the Red Cross for travelling blood bank vans to service areas who have lost this vital service at their local hospital."

7. BRUNGLE BRANCH (Hume Group):

"That CWA of NSW request the State and Federal Ministers for Health to adequately equip and staff Rural Hospitals for dialysis services."

8. STANWELL PARK BRANCH (Illawarra Group):

"That CWA of NSW support the creation, and the expansion, of a human donor milk bank across NSW, and eventually Australia."

9. GUNNEDAH BRANCH (Namoi Group):

"That CWA of NSW urgently request the Federal Minister for Health & Ageing to have all alcoholic beverages labelled with a warning against drinking during pregnancy."

10. COFFS HARBOUR BRANCH (North Coast Group):

"That CWA of NSW request the Federal Minister for Health to include MRI's (magnetic resonance imaging) for prostate cancer on the Medicare Refund Scheme."

11. BUNGENDORE BRANCH (Southern Tablelands Group):

"That the Country Women's Association of New South Wales requests the Federal Government assume responsibility for the provision of a domiciliary oxygen scheme and that patients be provided with uncapped access on the basis of clinical need and quality of life."

TRANSPORT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

12. OURA BRANCH (Riverina Group):

"That CWA of NSW requests the State Minister for Transport to make it compulsory for riders of bicycles to wear a reflective vest or jacket."

13. JERILDERIE BRANCH (Sturt Group):

"That CWA of NSW strongly urge the State Minister for Transport to insist that all long trucks have identification of illuminated signs on the rear so that the length of these trucks may be gauged."

MISCELLANEOUS

14. DIRNASEER BRANCH (Hume Group):

"That CWA of NSW request the Federal Government to reimburse fully local Councils for Pensioner Rate Subsidies which the local Councils are obliged to give."

15. JINDERA BRANCH (Murray Group):

"That the CWA of NSW request the Premier of NSW and the Minister for Local Government to review the legislation pertaining to the conduct of Local Government elections, namely the exorbitant costs of running these elections, and return the conduct of said elections to the jurisdiction of Local Government Councils."

16. JERILDERIE BRANCH (Sturt Group):

"That CWA of NSW strongly recommend that the NSW and ACT Minister for Corrective Services and Private Authorities who administer prisons provide human and physical resources for the rehabilitation of all prisoners, especially women, so that the following issues are covered-

- a. Family Relationship Counselling and Guidance
- b. Home Management Training
- c. Financial Management
- d. Trade/Skills Training
- e. Child Care Training

so that, on leaving prison, they will have an incentive not to re-offend."

FIRST SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday 5th May, 2008 commencing at 1.15 pm

The agenda item will be to consider and vote upon the following motion:

"That the Constitution of the Country Women's Association of New South Wales are contained in the current rules and regulations be altered, added to or repealed in accordance with each of the proposed changes set forth hereafter."

1. CANBERRA BRANCH (Monaro Group):

"That the following sentence be added to the end of Regulation 86:

'Nothing in this Regulation prohibits Branches in the Australian Capital Territory from making representations to, or otherwise approaching, the ACT Legislative Assembly in relation to matters that pertain exclusively to Local Government Issues.'

2. EASTERN SUBURBS BRANCH (Phillip Group):

"That a new Regulation 29A be inserted in the Constitution as follows:

VOTING

- 29A. (a) The election of all State Office Bearers and of all other members of the State Executive Committee, and of members of State Project Committees, and the election of all officers and other representatives of Groups and Branches, shall be by secret ballot. In each case, the person elected to the position shall be the person receiving the highest number of votes according to the simple majority ("first past the post") system of voting.
- (b) Except as may otherwise be provided in this Constitution, all Motions that are put to a vote at any Annual, Special or General Meeting of the Association or at any meeting of the State Executive Committee, or at any meeting of members of any Group or Branch or any other organ of the Association, shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast for or against such Motion."

3. BUNGENDORE BRANCH (Southern Tablelands Group):

"That CWA of NSW amend Rule XXIV by adding clauses (e) & (f) as follows:

- (e) Where a candidate is nominated for State President and State Vice President the Vice Presidential vote be taken after the State President is determined.
- (f) All ballots shall be by 'simple majority' voting (first past the post)."

FURTHER SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday 8th May, 2008 commencing at 9.30 am.

The sole agenda item will be to consider and vote upon the following motion:

"That the Constitution of the Country Women's Association of New South Wales as contained in the current rules and regulations be amended, added to or repealed in accordance with such of the proposed changes set forth in this Agenda as are passed at the First Special General Meeting."

NOTE: Subject to the wishes of the members, it is proposed that such of the proposed changes set forth in this Agenda as are passed at the First Special General Meeting will be considered, debated and voted upon separately.