

CWA President Tanya Cameron 'Walks the Beat' for a Weekend

CWA of NSW President Tanya Cameron was recently invited to participate in the **Community Awareness of Policing Program (CAPP)**, whereby community leaders are given the opportunity to 'walk in police shoes' to gain a greater understanding of the programs and strategies police are using to address issues facing metropolitan, regional and rural communities.

The program was held from the 22nd - 24 October and involved 23 other participants from all walks of life.

According to Tanya "the weekend of challenges and experience has given me an even greater appreciation for the men and women who make up our NSW Police Force."

"The CAPP program provided first-hand insights into issues relating to mental health, drugs, theft and emergency response procedures - all of which are relevant to regional and rural communities.

"The program reinforced the importance of a 'whole-of-community' response to policing. **The issues we are facing in regional and rural communities are changing and the responses required are more complex. It reminded me that we need to continue to work collaboratively to share resources and expertise,**" said Tanya.

"If you take for example our recent CWA of NSW Awareness Week Campaign, which highlighted the prevalence of domestic violence in regional and rural communities. This is the perfect example of the community - medical professionals, social services and organisations such as the CWA - needing to support and work collaboratively with the police in responding to domestic violence.

Following is a link to the blog Tanya Cameron wrote following her time with the NSW Police Force <https://cwaofnsw.wordpress.com/2015/11/11/looking-after-you-day-in-day-out/>

For more information or to arrange an interview with Tanya Cameron please contact Emily Bowman on 0428 261 774. High res images are available.

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