



Country Women's Association of NSW

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Country Women's Association of NSW celebrates 70 years of service at Sydney Royal Easter Show

The organisation is about much more than tea and scones, but this week, members from across the State are delighted to be up to their elbows in more than two and a half tonnes of flour as they celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW's tea room at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

The iconic tea room is as much a part of the Show as the animals and rides, and NSW President Annette Turner says the organisation is proud to be responsible for such a long-standing tradition.

"The CWA of NSW aims to improve conditions for country women and children in various ways including lobbying for change, helping the local community, and creating a network of support," Mrs Turner said.

"We make localities into communities, and the hospitality shown in the Sydney Royal Easter Show tea room over the past 70 years is a tangible demonstration of that," Mrs Turner said.

This year alone, 450 volunteers will work at the CWA of NSW Tea Room preparing scones from the secret CWA recipe, and serving them up with jam and whipped cream. Jams and preserves made by CWA volunteers from across the State will also be available for purchase, along with CWA cook books and memorabilia.

Mrs Turner says having topped out at 49,100 scones baked during the 2016 Show, volunteers are keen to reach 50,000 during this year's fourteen-day event. The scones will of course be enjoyed with more than 18,000 teabags sweetened with more than 20,000 sachets of sugar.

“Since 1922, CWA of NSW members have worked tirelessly to set up baby health care centres, fund bush nurses, build and staff maternity wards, hospitals, schools, rest homes and more, but in an age where individuals are often isolated, and communities fragmented, the simple pleasure of the tea room tradition should not be underestimated,” Mrs Turner said.

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