



## **Annual State Conference 22 – 25 May 2017**

**Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi**

### **MOTIONS FOR DEBATE**

#### **Association Activities**

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**1a) Barwon, Blue Mountains, Castlereagh Country, Darling River, Far South Coast, Far Western, Gwydir, Mid North Coast, Murrumbidgee-Lachlan, Namoi, Phillip, Southern Tablelands and Wollondilly Groups:**

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for 2017-2018 be Lyme Disease".

**1b) Macquarie, Northumberland, Riverina and Wanthella Groups:**

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for 2017-2018 be Motor Neurone Disease".

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

"That the specific Health Research Fund Annual Project for 2017-2018 be Endometriosis".

#### **Agricultural/Environmental**

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**2. Hillston Branch, Murrumbidgee-Lachlan Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW is to seek comprehensive weather radar coverage for western NSW".

**3. Bingara Branch, Gwydir Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be that the federal and state governments should tighten laws on foreign purchasing of Australian farm land, water and agribusiness".

**4. Maules Creek Branch, Namoi Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to support a ban on unconventional gas exploration, extraction and production".

## **5. Maules Creek Branch, Namoi Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to support the continued public ownership and management of Crown Land for the health and benefit of the environment and people of NSW, now and in the future.

Further we support full transparency of the Legislative and management processes and a clear "public interest" test for land lease and sale that goes beyond financial benefits only".

## **Health**

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### **6. Woolgoolga Branch, North Coast Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW will be that we encourage the continuing education of health professionals and the public in the correct usage of antibiotics".

### **7. Cobargo Branch, Far South Coast Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to encourage the inclusion of a blood test for thyroid function in the standard blood test for pregnant women in their first trimester".

### **8. Cobargo Branch, Far South Coast Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to encourage the promotion of awareness and prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders through women's health programs throughout Australia".

### **9. Guyra Branch, Northern Tablelands Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for the establishment and funding of a cardiac bus service to visit regional and remote areas of NSW".

## **Transport & Telecommunication**

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### **10. Hornsby & District Branch, Northumberland Group**

"That the CWA of NSW requests a review of 40 km school zones to monitor/ assess the necessity of such zones where there is no pedestrian traffic or there are alternative pedestrian access ways in place".

### **11. Merriwa Branch, Hunter River Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW supports, as a basic tenet of modern life, equitable access to internet and telephone services in terms of speed, downloads and cost for all rural and regional citizens, regardless of their geographical location".

### **12. Merriwa Branch, Hunter River Group**

"That CWA support statewide co-ordination of street numbering on all roads and streets across NSW to ensure accurate identification of locations for emergency services when responding to incidents".

### **13. Galore Branch, Riverina Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for more efficient service from Australia Post".

### **14. Oura Branch, Riverina Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for the following:

- All Grandparents raising Grandchildren to be acknowledged and recognised as a separate group in their own right and not as foster carers or a sub group of foster carers.
- Acknowledge and recognise Grandparents raising Grandchildren as family.
- Acknowledge and recognise Grandchildren in The Out of Home Care System as family members and not foster children.
- Acknowledge and recognise Grandparents raising Grandchildren as family in the assessment process and the ongoing care and cultural needs of those Grandchildren".

### **15. Kendall Branch, Mid North Coast Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for a ban on the advertising and promotion of gambling between 6 am and 9 pm on free to air TV".

### **16. Hornsby & District Branch, Northumberland Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be that the advertising of online gambling be regulated with similar guidelines and restrictions as alcohol advertising".

### **17. Scone & District Branch, Hunter River Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be that online gambling services be subject to the same regulatory requirements as gambling venues (hotels, clubs and casinos)".

### **18. Hornsby & District Branch, Northumberland Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to urgently request a review into past and current serving and future Politician's Pension Plan in order to enforce the same rules and regulations to their access and entitlements as that of the Australian general public".

### **19. Hornsby & District Branch, Northumberland Group**

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to urgently request legislation to prevent the sale of live animals in pet shops".

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

"That the policy of CWA of NSW shall be to advocate for the equality of all Australians under the Marriage Act 1961 Cth. This includes changing the definition of 'marriage' under section 5 of the Act from "between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life" to "the union of two people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life".

### **21. Rowena Branch, Barwon Group**

"That the policy of the CWA of NSW be to vigorously campaign for an equitable share of government funding for Regional, Rural & Remote NSW."



## 95<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference Program May 2017

*People, Purpose & Passion*

### Sunday, 21 May

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- 10.00 am            **Expo – Mingara Recreation Club**  
5.00 pm            **Ecumenical Service – Mingara Recreation Club**

### Monday 22 May

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- 9.30 am            **Official Opening – Mingara Recreation Club**  
Welcome to Country by Aunty Bronwyn Chambers, Aboriginal Elder, Darkinjung Nation  
National Anthem, CWA Anthem & Motto  
Welcome by State President, Apologies & Announcements  
Welcome by Mr Ian Reynolds, Central Coast Council  
Official Opening by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of NSW, accompanied by Mrs Linda Hurley  
Keynote Speaker – Mrs Linda Hurley  
The Tuggerah Lakes Learning Community Koori Choir  
The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and Southern NSW (attending on behalf of the Deputy Premier, The Hon John Barilaro MP)
- 11.00 am            **State President's Address**  
**Lunch**
- 1.30 pm            **Business Session – Mingara Recreation Club**  
Confirmation of Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting
- 1.45 pm            **First Special Meeting**  
Office Bearer Nominee Introductions  
*Sponsor Address – Mr Tim O'Leary, Telstra*  
Mr Darryl Nelson, Managing Director, Polity Research & Consulting  
Medical Research Presentations  
**Guest Speaker** – Ms Dorothy Coombe, National President, Country Women's Association of Australia
- Agenda**

## Tuesday 23 May

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- 9.30 am Business Session – Mingara Recreation Club**  
*Sponsor Address – Ms Donna Rygate, Local Government NSW*
- State Honorary Secretary's Report
  - State Honorary Treasurer's Report
- Mr Brendan Ryan, Director, Advise & Assist  
Mr Mark Werman, Wentworth Advantage
- Agenda**
- 12.30 pm Free Afternoon**
- 4.30 pm State International Meeting**

## Wednesday 24 May

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- 9.30 am Business Session – Mingara Recreation Club**
- 10.00 am Guest Speaker** – Mrs Sandra Ireson, 2017 Winner NSW-ACT RIRDC Rural Women's Award  
*Sponsor Address: Ms Meredith Kay, BreastScreen NSW*
- State International Officer's Report
  - State Agricultural and Environmental Officer's Report
  - Social Issues Committee Chairman's Report
  - Honorary Editor's Report
- Agenda**
- 12.30 pm Lunch**
- 2.30 pm Business Session**
- 2.45 pm Guest Speaker** – Mr Nick Arena, 2016 NSW Farmer of the Year
- 3.30 pm Business Session**
- 4.30 pm State Handicraft Committee Awards**
- 5.15 pm State Cultural Committee Awards**
- 6.00 pm The Land Cookery Awards**

## Thursday 25 May

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- 9.30 am Business Session – Mingara Recreation Club**  
State Office Bearers and Medical Research Ballot Result announced
- 10.00 am Further Special Meeting**  
**Agenda**  
**Presentations**
- Medical Research Fund cheque presentation
  - Wagga Daily Advertiser Award
  - Past State President's Award
- 12.30 pm Close of Conference**
- 1.30 pm Local Tours**
- 6.00 pm Gala Event – Gala Dinner, Mingara Recreation Club**