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CWA of NSW Heads to Griffith for its 92nd Annual Conference

The Country Women's Association of NSW (CWA) "road show" will be rolling into Griffith to hold this year's annual conference. Following hot on the heels of the Griffith Field Day, the CWA event will take over the Showground for a week from 19 to 22 May 2014.

Members from around the State will converge on Griffith and surrounding areas utilising every available accommodation facility, eating establishment and retail outlet.

Some of the motions to be debated in 2014 include:

- That Lyme disease is recognised as a legitimate medical condition and exists in Australia.
- That the relevant laws be amended so that following a Local Government election, candidates not elected be placed on a list in order with the candidate attaining the most votes first down to the one with the least votes placed last on the list.
- That European Red Foxes (*Vulpes Vulpes*) cannot be bred, rescued for being kept or rehomed into a domestic environment in any way and that the foxes be declared feral in line with other Australian States.

This year's conference will also include an important debate on the future of the CWA's property in Potts Point with State Executive placing a motion on the Agenda to sell the site.

State President Tanya Cameron says that "The 2014 Annual Conference will continue the tradition of bringing together members over a four day event to debate motions and issues. The recommendation from the Property Sub-committee to sell our Potts Point site comes after many years of planning and hard work...and we are at a critical stage where choices must be made for the long term future of our Association..."

We are delighted that Jock Laurie, the NSW Land and Water Commissioner will be keynote speaker at the Official Opening. Conference speakers include Dr Jennifer Wray, Founder of the Lighthouse Surgery and Scholarship Fund and winner of the 2013 Telstra NSW Business Woman of the Year Business Owner Award, and inspirational local speaker Gordon McCaw.

The event will be held at the Griffith Showground Woodside Hall from 19 to 22 May. The program commences with a Church Service on Sunday evening (18 May), with the Official Opening on the morning of Monday 19 May, followed by the business sessions, and a Gala Event at the Yoogali Club will close the conference on Thursday evening.

Art, china painting, handicraft and "The Land Cookery" entries will be on display and open to the public until the morning of Thursday 22 May with some items available for purchase.

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Further information or a copy of the Agenda can be obtained by contacting Donna Wilkins, Executive Officer on 02 9358 2923 or d.wilkins@cwaofnsw.org.au

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The State President, **Tanya Cameron** will be available for interviews from Sunday to Thursday, prior to 9.00am and after 5.30pm on **0428 427 203**.

Press are accommodated within the venue and any television coverage will have to be set up on the day by 9.00 am.

Photo attached: Looking out from the stage at last year's AGM in Moree.