



Media Release
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Lively debate on the cards at 94th CWA annual conference

For over ninety four years the Country Women's Association of NSW (CWA) has been working to improve the living conditions of women and their families. The policy of the CWA is debated at its annual conference which this year will be held in the NSW central west town of Cowra.

Close to 1000 delegates, members, observers and visitors are expected to descend on the town from 2-5 May. The conference will be officially opened by CWA joint patrons His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of NSW, and Mrs Linda Hurley.

This will be the last annual conference for Tanya Cameron in her role as State President who has reached the end of her maximum tenure; she reinforced how important the organisation's annual conference is to members as a mechanism to bring their issues to the fore:

"We are such a diverse organisation and we can certainly see that in the motions coming forward for debate from across the state. There are too many to list individually but they will include important topics such as rural crime, climate change, women's health, teacher professional development and coal seam gas."

"We also allow plenty of time in the program for members to take the opportunity to network and enjoy the local attractions of Cowra."

Conference speakers include Sophie Hansen, Food Blogger and 2016 Winner of the NSW/ACT RIRDC Rural Women's Award; Ed Fagan, the 2015 Farmer of the Year and Dr Jennifer Jones, author of *Country Women and the Colour Bar*.

The program commences with a Church Service on Sunday evening (1 May), with the Official Opening on the morning of Monday 2 May. The remainder of the program comprises business sessions, meetings and award ceremonies and will conclude with the Gala Dinner 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 5 May with some items available for purchase.

Ends

Further information or a copy of the Agenda can be obtained by contacting Jackie Camiller, on 02 8337 0200 or j.camiller@cwaofnsw.org.au

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The State President, **Tanya Cameron** will be available for interviews from Sunday 1 May to Thursday 5 May prior to 9.00 am and after 5.30 pm on **0428 427 203**.

Press are accommodated and welcome within the venue. Any television coverage equipment will need to be set up on the day by 9.00 am.