



Media Release
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Governor to open CWA of NSW's 93rd Annual State Conference

For over ninety three years the Country Women's Association of NSW (CWA) has been working to improve the living conditions of women and their families. Members lobby and conduct campaigns on issues determined at the Annual State Conference which this year will be held in the country music capital, Tamworth.

We are delighted our patrons His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of NSW, and Mrs Hurley will open the Conference which will be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC) from 4 to 7 May 2015.

Motions to be debated this year include:

- That government funding is made available to investigate the health effects of e-cigarettes
- That the growing, manufacture and distribution of marijuana for medicinal purposes is legalised
- That future road safety campaigns should address the responsible use of high beam headlights, and fog and driving lights
- That adequate government funding continues to be made available to help landholders to eradicate the wild dog problem in NSW.

Members are also concerned with the important and topical issue of food labelling with three related motions on the agenda.

State President Tanya Cameron says that "as the CWA's State Conference rotates around the state we are looking forward to returning to Tamworth and this year's programme ensures that the important business of the Association is dealt with, as well as allowing members the opportunity to network and enjoy the local attractions."

Professor Mary O'Kane, NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer, will deliver the keynote address at the Official Opening. Conference speakers include Natalie Isaacs, Founder and Co-CEO of 1 Million Women and Edwina Beveridge, the 2014 NSW-ACT RIRDC Rural Women's Award runner-up and Deputy Chair of the NSW Farmers Pork Committee. Karen Willis OAM, Executive Director of Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia, will conduct an open information session on the afternoon of Tuesday 4 May.

The program commences with a Church Service on Sunday evening (3 May), with the Official Opening on the morning of Monday 4 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 7 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 9.00 am and after 5.30 pm 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