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Patron Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove

The Country Women's Association of Australia

For all women

The Vision of the Country Women's Association of Australia, as the largest women's organisation in the country, is to represent and speak for the women of Australia with unity and strength

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Objects

- To represent and speak on behalf of the Country Women of Australia and of their member Associations with unity and strength
- To advocate and promote the interests of women, children, families and communities and the interests of Member Associations to the Australian Government and other national and international bodies
- To provide an initial point of contact for governments and other organisations at National level
- To maintain a profile for the Association at National level on National Issues in support of Member Associations
- To do such things as are incidental to or conducive to the carrying out of these objects as are necessary, expedient, desirable or advisable, as voted by the required majority of Member Associations

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Continuing Professional Development Grant for Nurses or Midwives

Purpose To support a rural or remote nurse or midwife in their continuing professional development

Funding The Grant is funded from the interest received on the capital investment from the sale of CWAA Cookbooks. The amount is decided annually by the Member Associations of the National Body

Application Application details are available on the CWAA website and from the National Secretary

Some History

During the depression years CWA members helped those in need with food and clothing parcels

During WWII CWA members provided meals for troops at Quorn SA and Tennant Creek NT. Members made camouflage nets and knitted balaclavas and socks for the troops. Members' efforts being rated one of the best voluntary war time services in Australia

In 1992, the CWAA was awarded the RSL Anzac Peace Prize in recognition of its outstanding effort in promoting international understanding and contributing to world peace in accordance with the best traditions as exemplified by the 'ANZAC Spirit'



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Then and Now

CWAA State and Territory Associations
award Educational Grants

Instruction is provided and participation
encouraged in the fields of drama, art,
music, public speaking, cookery,
handcrafts and floral art

Awareness forums are organised on a
range of issues including gambling and
family violence

Workshops are held on the use of
computers, electronic banking and ATMs

Submissions are made to governments
at all levels on a wide variety of social
issues

The Association's name is renowned for
craft exhibitions and fundraising involved
with cooking - in particular scones -
despite involvement in a diverse range of
issues and activities

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About CWAA

The Country Women's Association in
Australia began in 1922 in NSW and
then QLD. The other States and the
Northern Territory followed. The Country
Women's Association of Australia
(CWAA) formed in 1945. It is the largest
women's organisation in Australia, with
20,500 members in 1,500 branches
within its member associations. All
members are volunteers. The
organisation is self-funded, non-party-
political and non-sectarian

Some Current Lobbying Issues

- That rollover protection be mandatory
for quad bikes
- That the sale of freehold land to
overseas investors be halted
- That the decision of an organ donor
be not overturned
- That all departments of Primary
Health Care, including funding and
practical care, be brought under one
authority
- That it is possible to access, by
mobile phone, Government and other
important services, such as Nurse on
Call, Centrelink, Ombudsman etc
using 1800, 13 or 1300 numbers as a
free call or capped at local call cost

The Country Women's Association of Australia

is Affiliated with

Associated Country Women of the World
(ACWW)

is a Member of has Representation on or is a Partner with

Australian Communications
Consumer Action Network (ACCAN)

AgriFood Industry Skills Council and
Rural Training Council of Australia
(RTCA)

Australian Health Consumers
Reform Alliance

Boarding Australia

Farmsafe Australia and
Safe Work Australia

Food Safety Standards Council (FSANZ)

Health Consumers of
Rural and Remote Australia

National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA)

National Rural Law & Justice Alliance
(NRLJA)

National Rural Women's Coalition
(NRWC)