

# 19<sup>th</sup> Triennial ACWW South Pacific Area Conference

“Strength and Sustainability in the South Pacific”

Monday 9 – Thursday 12 September 2024

Welcome and Registration Sunday 8 September 2024

Griffith, New South Wales, Australia

## Registration Information

Hosting Society  
Country Women’s Association  
of NSW, Australia



# South Pacific Area of Associated Country Women of the World

**Trustee, and Area President for the South Pacific**

Lyn Braico

**Assistant to Trustee, and Area President for the South Pacific**

Bronwyn Dunston

## **Organising Committee**

Comprised of members of Murrumbidgee Lachlan Group, CWA of NSW

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# Welcome from Our Presidents



## Message from Lyn Braico, Trustee, and Area President for South Pacific

On behalf of the Board of ACWW and the South Pacific Area Conference Organising Committee, we would like to invite all members and friends to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> ACWW South Pacific Area Conference to be held in Griffith, NSW 8 – 12 September, 2024.

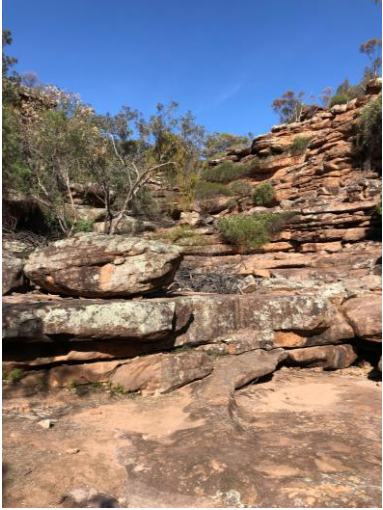
Please join us for a week celebrating Rural Women in Action and all our international work throughout the South Pacific Area. It will be a time for inspirational speakers, constructive conversations and lively debate, plus a chance to renew old friendships and create new ones. We look forward to welcoming you in Griffith to enjoy this special event. See you there!

## Message from Joy Beames, President, Country Women's Association of NSW

On behalf of CWA of NSW I extend a huge welcome to all delegates and observers attending the ACWW South Pacific Area Conference in Griffith. CWA of NSW members hope that you all have an enjoyable stay in the region and can partake of the abundance of fabulous local produce on offer.

We wish you a safe journey and hope you leave with many fond memories of NSW and the Griffith region.





Cocoparra National Park

# Welcome to Griffith

We welcome you to our rural region of Australia to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Triennial Associated Country Women of the World, South Pacific Area Conference

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Conference Sessions Monday 9 - Thursday 12 September 2024.**

Griffith is one of Australia's most vibrant cosmopolitan centres, a community with a rich blend of cultures and traditions. More than 60 nationalities from all over the world call Griffith home, with a population of over 26,000.



Centenary sculpture –  
Photo supplied by Griffith Council

Our conference venue, the Griffith Regional Theatre, is situated at the top of Banna Avenue – a short walk from the Griffith CBD, where attendees can enjoy a diverse range of shops, boutiques, restaurant and eatery experiences.

Griffith is surrounded by the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, which is an agricultural food bowl of New South Wales. Surrounded by thriving agricultural and horticultural districts with both irrigation and dryland farming. Vineyards, citrus, prune and almond orchards are complemented by vegetables, rice, cotton and cereal crops as well as livestock.

For those interested in arts and culture we invite you to visit the Regional Art Gallery, Pioneer Park Museum, War Memorial Museum, Regional Library or the Cinema. For nature lovers there is Lake Wyangan, Cocoparra National Park and many other parks to discover. Please come and enjoy all Griffith has to offer.



# Conference Registration

Registration Fee includes Welcome and Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Full Conference Program including Guest Speakers, Conference Bag and Badge, morning/afternoon tea and light lunches during Conference as well as Welcome Gala Dinner.

**Early Bird Registration** ends 31 March 2024 – AU\$335  
**Regular Registration** ends 30 June 2024 – AU\$360

<https://www.trybooking.com/COENV>

Additional tickets for Welcome Gala Dinner Monday – AU\$80  
Additional Conference Badges AU\$ 5.50

<https://www.trybooking.com/COFYX>  
<https://www.trybooking.com/COVDV>

Tickets are non-refundable. Registration tickets can be transferred at a cost of AU\$20.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

<https://visitgriffith.com.au/experience/stay/>

*The Kidman Wayside Inn is offering a discount price. When booking there please mention you are attending the ACWW South Pacific Area Conference organised by CWA of NSW.*



# Tour Registration

Regional tours are offered on Wednesday afternoon, 11 September.

Please book your tour at time of registration. <https://www.trybooking.com/COHFE>

Tour 1 – Naturally Dried Prunes, Emeri’s Garden & De Bortoli Wine	4hours	AU\$70
Tour 2 – Altina Wildlife Park & Whitton Malt House	5 hours	AU\$70
Tour 3 – Southern Cotton & Catania Fruit Salad Farm	5 hours	AU\$70
Tour 4 – Town Tour & Piccoli Family Farm	4 hours	AU\$45

Partners’ All-Day Tour is available on Tuesday, 10 September                      all day                      AU\$55

Tour tickets are non-refundable.

Registration enquiries – Bronwyn Dunston

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# Conference Program

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 September 2024</b>	
9:00am – 2:00pm	Registration	Regional Theatre
2:30pm – 5:00pm	Welcome & Thanksgiving Service	Anglican Cathedral
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9 September 2024</b>	
8:00am – 9:00am	Late Registration	Regional Theatre
9:30am – 12:00 Midday	Opening Ceremony	Regional Theatre
1:00pm – 3:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Session	Regional Theatre
6:00pm – 10:00pm	Welcome Gala Dinner <i>‘A Touch of Sparkle’</i>	Yoogali Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10 September 2024</b>	
9:00am – 4:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	Regional Theatre
Partners’ All-Day Tour		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11 September 2024</b>	
9:00am – 11:30am	Women’s Health Forum	Regional Theatre
Afternoon	Tours	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12 September 2024</b>	
9:00am -1:00pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Session Forum Discussion Closing Ceremony	Regional Theatre



# Tour Descriptions

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## **Tour 1 Naturally Dried Prunes, Emeri's Garden & De Bortoli Wine Tasting**

Prune farmer Ann shares her journey from being the youngest female prune grower in Australia, to now the only prune farmer in the Southern Hemisphere using solar drying technology. Be taken on a walking tour of the orchard and solar drying system, and finish off in the Prune Room and taste the full product range of Naturally Dried Prunes.

After a short drive we are guided through Emeri's garden - 14 acres of native and specimen plants, dry riverbeds, dry stone walls and meandering paths, complete with a superb native billabong garden created by award-winning Phillip Johnson Landscapes - a haven for animals and birdlife. This garden is designed to utilise a portion of captured rainwater from winery grounds. At the De Bortoli Wines Cellar Door a wine tasting is included. The winery highlights sustainable water management practices, biological farming, and packaging overhauled to reduce waste, the goal to be a 'Zero Waste Company'. Groups will be split in two - half to do garden, half tastings, then swap.

## **Tour 2 Altina Wildlife Park & Conservation Centre and Whitton Malt House - light refreshment included**

This tour leaves immediately the conference session concludes. Enjoy a supplied lunchbox on the bus. You will meet the animals during their feed time, so you can see these magnificent animals closer than ever thought possible whilst travelling in style in motorised carts with a guide. A 'zoo-fari' like no other! Altina is a conservation centre for endangered species and a Nationally Accredited Exotic and Native Animal Breeding Facility.

The Whitton Malt House is a one-of-a-kind cellar door, designed to bring together the products that distillers, brewers and bakers produce from the malt. Take a walk around Lake Hulong, sit and enjoy this appealing venue. Activities there include fishing for Murray Cod, chipping some golf balls or enjoying a whisky tasting. Refresh with a Coffee or Ice Cream (additional costs apply for activities, tastings and food).





# Tour Descriptions

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## **Tour 3 Southern Cotton and Catania Fruit Salad Farm - afternoon tea included**

***Tour participants must wear enclosed shoes and be able to walk up a flight of stairs.***

This informative and engaging tour is designed to showcase the local cotton industry and its cotton ginning process where bales of raw cotton are brought in, cleaned and packed ready for shipping. Southern Cotton's purpose built observation walkways allow visitors to witness these stages first-hand in a safe environment. Established in 2012 to offer local farmers affordable freight and logistics. The tour also explains about sustainable water management practices during the cotton growing process.

Next you are taken on a guided tour of a mixed horticultural farm, where implementation of the irrigation system and history of the farm are explained. You visit the prune dehydration area and see a presentation of farm operations at harvest time. The tour finishes at the original mud brick home, built using soil from the farm. There you can taste their jams, wines, mustards and chutneys made from crops grown on the farm.

## **Tour 4 Town Tour and Piccolo Family Farm - light refreshment included**

Explore by bus our wonderful city with local volunteer tour guides who have extensive knowledge of Griffith's history and its surroundings.

We then head to the Piccolo Family Farm which is about produce, culture, heritage and paddock to plate concept. The seasonal produce supplies the family's restaurant 'Limone'. Tour the farm grounds including the citrus orchard, fruit, vegetable and herb plantations plus a small vineyard. Hear stories how the farm and garden were established. A variety of produce can be grown using sustainable farming practices which complement the farm's soil and climate. Up-cycled and recycled materials have been used to construct buildings on the property.



# Tour Descriptions

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**Partners' All-Day Tour – morning tea and packed lunch included**

***Leaving 8am from the Griffith Regional Theatre.***

The partners will explore a variety of local agricultural areas, learn about almond growing, broad acre cropping, centre pivot irrigation and livestock from an experienced, local guide and the forward-thinking farmers.



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Banna Lane Murals



Scenic Hill



# Other Helpful Links

## Official Griffith Tourism Website

[www.visitgriffith.com.au](http://www.visitgriffith.com.au)

## Accommodation Listing

<https://visitgriffith.com.au/experience/stay/>

## Airlines

[www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au)

[www.qantas.com/au](http://www.qantas.com/au)



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## Ground Transport

From Melbourne: [www.vline.com.au](http://www.vline.com.au)

From Sydney: <https://transportnsw.info/regional-bookings/>

## Local Transport

Griffith Bus Line – public transport bus service: [www.buslinesgroup.com.au/griffith/](http://www.buslinesgroup.com.au/griffith/)



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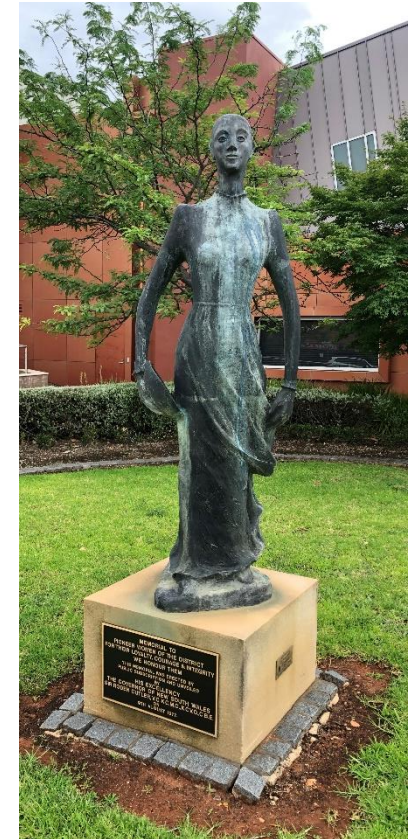
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