

# 19th Triennial ACWW South Pacific Area Conference

## “Strength and Sustainability in the South Pacific”



Hosting Society  
Country Women's Association of NSW, Australia

Monday 9 – Thursday 12 September 2024  
Welcome and Registration Sunday 8 September 2024  
Griffith, New South Wales, Australia



### Complete Registration Information

<https://acww.org.uk/south-pacific-2024>

### Invited Guest Speakers include

**Heather Swan** who has followed her dreams to become a world record setting adventurer with many audacious 'world-firsts and one-offs' to her credit.

She also has the rare talent of a natural storyteller, someone who can take their own experiences and share them in a way that is not only entertaining and inspiring but insightful. As a result, she has been invited to present at major conferences all around the world.



**Bill Calabria AM** – is a director and second generation winemaker of Calabria Family Wines in Griffith.

From humble beginnings, Calabria Family Wines has grown into a highly successful Australian wine producing business. Their award winning wines are produced in the Riverina and more recently in the Barossa Valley, for Australian and International markets.

Bill's early life involved a boxing career and playing in a rock and roll band. His story is one of how determination and hard work can lead to success.

**Dr James Cockayne**, NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner. This role was created by the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (NSW). The Commissioner advocates for and promotes action to combat modern slavery. He also identifies, and provides assistance and support for victims. The role ensures effectiveness of laws and policies, has oversight of NSW public procurement efforts to remove products of modern slavery from supply chains and to raise community awareness of modern slavery.



**Karen Bentley**, Wesnet CEO has a particular interest in the intersection of technology and Violence Against Women and is regularly called upon to provide advice to governments, policy makers and technology companies.

Karen has trained thousands about technology safety and is a co-founder of the Safety Net Australia project. Karen has also worked as a consultant to numerous non-government organisations and in leadership positions in the health sector. She is passionate about ensuring gender equality and ending violence.



**Susie Rowe**, developed a passion for working on refugee and migrant issues when teaching English as a Second Language. Susie was inspired by her students, who were motivated to learn English and the Aussie expressions they heard in the local community. She established a conversation group for women and identified other areas where support was needed. This led to the formation of the Leeton Multicultural Support Group. Her wish is more people come to understand the challenges of a new society. Communication is an essential aspect of breaking down barriers and fostering inclusiveness and kinship. She is an advocate in the development of welcoming and successful community structures.



And others

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