



# Hidden Treasures Honour Roll 2021–2022

Honouring rural women volunteers who  
give so much to their communities

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# Ministers' message

We sincerely thank the remarkable women who have selflessly volunteered their time to their communities over the last two challenging years.

We are proud to present these nominees and honour the incredible contributions they have made to our regional, rural and remote communities.

Regional and rural women play an important role in keeping our communities safe and connected. Whether it's volunteering at the local school or aged care, organising weekend sport or planning fundraisers, women are often the unsung heroes.

It is so important we recognise and celebrate their contributions, particularly after the challenging few years we have experienced in regional NSW.

Over 1,000 women across regional, rural and remote NSW are now enshrined on the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll, launched in 2010.

Thank you for all that you do every single day. We know that when women thrive, NSW thrives.



**The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC**  
Minister for Women  
Minister for Regional Health  
Minister for Mental Health



**The Hon Dugald Saunders MP**  
Minister for Agriculture  
Minister for Western  
New South Wales



**The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC**  
Minister for Families and Communities  
Minister for Disability Services

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The following nomination stories celebrate and acknowledge rural women volunteers across New South Wales and were submitted by members of their communities.

The nomination stories have been written by the nominators in their own words and printed here as received. We thank all our nominators for taking the time to nominate these incredible rural women volunteers.

## **Penny Black** [Rankins Springs]

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Penny Black was born and raised in Port Kembla, NSW. Penny became a teacher, and her first appointment was in Griffith, NSW. Penny married a Rankins Springs farmer and together they have raised their family of three beautiful girls on a dry area mixed farm.

The Rankins Springs community thrives on volunteers. Penny has worked tirelessly and has held numerous executive positions over the years for many organisations including the Rankins Springs & District War Memorial Hall where she was the secretary for over 20 years. Penny has also been involved with the Playgroup, Mobile Preschool, Isolated Children's Parents' Association, Progress Association, Children's Medical Research Institute, Uniting and Anglican Churches and the P&C of Rankins Springs Public School where she also has taught scripture, listened to the children reading and is a community representative on the school council.

Penny is a wonderful open-minded, helpful person who sees everyone's perspective. She is a valuable quiet advocate in a community group. Penny supports all people in the community with a kind word, visit or cooking and is always available when needed. I would like to nominate Penny as a Rankins Springs Hidden Treasure.

## **Freda Bush** [Goulburn]

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Freda was born, raised and lived her whole life in Goulburn, NSW. Growing up she has many fond memories of her mother being very active as a volunteer and believes this has strongly influenced her approach to life.

Over the years Freda was an active member in over 15 community groups including; the Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Heart Foundation, Meals on Wheels, the Goulburn Cycle Club and Nursing Homes.

Freda began volunteering with the Goulburn Cycle Club in 1972 becoming Treasurer in 1982, a position she still holds. She was also involved in fundraising and timekeeping for cycling events. In 2006 in a ceremony at Sydney's Parliament House, Freda was formally recognised by the then Minister for Gaming and Racing, Grant McBride, for more than 35 years of volunteer work in Goulburn.

When Freda's husband of 58 years became unwell in 2004, he moved into a Nursing Home. Freda could be found six days a week not only helping care for her husband but also providing company and conversation for other residents too. Currently, Freda continues to volunteer at Goulburn's Warrigal Nursing Home assisting in fundraising and leading a knitting group. During Covid lockdown, as she could not attend, Freda instead wrote letters to the residents to keep in touch during this period.

Freda doesn't volunteer for the recognition; in her words "I just do it because things need doing. Volunteering has rewarded me in many ways over the years; I enjoy helping others".

## **Gemma Campion [Dubbo]**

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Gemma Campion is one of those extraordinary individuals who, having suffered a serious health condition, turns their attention to helping others with the same problem. Gemma, by profession an Adult Acute Mental Health Clinician, suffered from scoliosis, which is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine, normally just before a child reaches puberty.

She underwent surgery in 2012, then started a support group in Sydney for fellow sufferers, named Curvy Girls, and led it for three years. She organised meetings, raised funds so that she and three others could attend an International Curvy Girls Conference in New York and mentored those who took over leadership.



## Gail Commens [Junee]

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Gail could have remained just a farmer's wife enduring some degree of isolation, but her thoughts soon went out to others, particularly isolated women, and her commitment has projected her to the presidency of the Associated Country Women of the World, South Pacific Area.

Present of the Eurongilly CWA, she has chaired a state-wide Rural Women's Gathering and has overseen projects benefiting women and children in developing countries. Gail is the founding Chairman of the Junee Roundhouse Railway Museum, Life Member of the CWA and the Junee Show Society, Lay reader in the St. Luke's parish and an opportunity shop volunteer. Gail has also been heavily involved in the distribution of cash and essential items to drought-affected communities and individuals, as well as to bushfire and flood victims.

## Tara Commerford [Byron Bay]

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Byron Bay resident, Tara Commerford set up, led, and coordinated one of the largest community driven responses to the Northern Rivers flood crisis. When flood waters had inundated nearly every surrounding township, Tara was instrumental in organising, within hours, what became a large-scale central distribution hub in the Byron Bay Industrial Estate.

She led a relief effort, which involved more than 500 local community volunteers, distributing supplies via all delivery methods; from trucks, boats, jet skis and helicopters, and coordinated drop off locations directly with the Red Cross, Neighbourhood Centres, Evacuation Centres, RFS, SES, Churches, Councils and State Government departments in the days, weeks and months following.

These local community volunteers from the Byron Bay Industrial Estate Hub were some of the first responders to Lismore, Ballina, Mullumbimby, The Channon, Wardell, Cabbage Tree Island and Evans Head. Emergency supplies were sent to most of the affected areas, reaching thousands of impacted community members in more than 20 towns

The hub was supported by local donations; water, fuel, pantry items, wheelbarrows, medical supplies, chainsaws, rescue equipment and cleaning items were dispatched to the surrounding impacted communities under her leadership. She led around 100 volunteers daily within the hub co-ordinating, sorting and packing goods during the crisis, with 'mud army' volunteers equipped and sent out from this location.

The coordination and leadership from Tara I believe should be recognised as a Hidden Treasure for her initiative, leadership, and enormous effort during this natural disaster.

## **Tessie Corkery [Goulburn]**

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Tessie was born in Cebu City in the Philippines, and after finishing University taught at the Guadalupe Elementary School. She later met Leslie Owen Corkery (a returned Serviceman) who was in the Philippines at that time. They married in May 1977 and in September 1977 moved to his hometown, Goulburn.

Since moving to Goulburn Tessie has always been involved with her church community, and in 1979 was asked to volunteer as a Scripture teacher at West Goulburn Primary School. Les passed away in late 1993 and in 1994 Tessie moved to Legacy Lodge where she has performed flag duties for over 20 years. She is also an active volunteer for Goulburn Legacy during their Annual Appeals Week.

Tessie continued her community involvement and from 1995 to 2017, volunteered as a Catechist for Our Lady of Fatima Church. She also joined the Religious Catholic Group's Legion of Mary, and currently attends meetings once a week, assists the priest with home and nursing home Masses, monthly Rosaries at Nursing Homes, visiting the sick, elderly and handicapped and praying and saying the Rosaries at funerals. They also provide comfort to parishioners who don't have family close by. In addition, Tessie volunteers for the St Vincent de Paul Society working in the Our Lady of Fatima Kiosk every Sunday after Mass.

Tessie is also a member of the Goulburn Australian Filipino Association assisting with integrating newcomers into society, organising multicultural functions in the park or in the St Peters and Paul's Church grounds.

## Vicki Croft [Texas]

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Vicki Croft is a doer; she never stops and often in her doing is her awareness of others and their needs.

Most of her rural based life she has assisted others with her capacity to see, care and do! Following in her parents influence of community involvement in the local School P and C, Anglican Church, and Camp draft events at Yetman NSW as she was growing up, a young Vicki Swan helped at these events. Moving northeast to Bonshaw as a married lady, Vicki immersed herself in the small rural community as her daughters attended school there. Positions of service included: a foundation member of the School Council; P and C association membership including positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer during 1987 to 1995; assisting at the school with reading, cooking, school functions and excursions.

Vicki Croft also helped establish a playgroup in the community for younger children.

Bonshaw Branch CWA of NSW became an interest for Vicki, she joined in 1987 and held all positions possible there during her membership of the branch.

Vicki was instrumental in the formation of a new and closer CWA Branch to her home. Atholwood Branch has seen Vicki as its Foundation President, Vice President, Cookery Officer, and Catering Convenor.

At Gwydir Group level of CWA, Vicki has been a Councillor and Delegate over several years and is currently a Group Vice President. Vicki offers a very balanced, practical, humble and insightful perspective to all discussions and work of the group, it is refreshing and very welcome.

Living near the Queensland /NSW Border, Vicki has seen the need to assist the district of nearby Texas Qld.

The Texas Anglican Church Guild, Texas Visitors Information Assn, Texas Historical Society have benefitted from Vicki's offer to be Treasurer and or Secretary over several years. The purchase and cleaning up of the Texas Rabbit Works Museum have been a part of Vicki Crofts journey. We can also include here the Texas school P and C, fundraising and tuckshop volunteering and the planning and facilitating of the first few Country Music Festivals in Texas.

Texas and District Drought Support (TADDS) is an ongoing support network in the Texas region, Vicki is a foundation member and its first elected President. She has been a co-ordinator for the delivery and distribution of drought supplies (hay, water, food and monetary donations, clothing and Why Leave Town gift cards where donations supported local Business to help rural people challenged by seasonal conditions, we all know affects everyone in the community. The Gift Card concept was aimed at assisting and keeping the impacting benefits local and in a circular economy. As Grant Co-ordinator, Vicki has procured several community grants to assist those in need and through the premises of her hospitality and retail Businesses has often lent a safe space and a free cuppa at different times regularly for those seeking guidance or advice. The TADDS group facilitates ongoing opportunities for workshops of all nature of subjects, agricultural or personal development and women like Vicki Croft are the Hidden Treasures who continue to make this and many other events and services happen that they are too humble to claim openly and despite what is going on for them like personal family tragedy.

Vicki and her family offer a unique tourist venue called Goat Rock Camping Ground near Texas on the NSW side if the birder a camping and catering facility, a treat to visit and stay at. It is often the scene of fundraising for the community.

A big heart beats often for others and it matters .Thank you Vicki, you continue to make a big difference where your light shines.

## Thea Deer [Quirindi]

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Thea Deer has worked tirelessly for the last 5 years on a volunteer basis at Quirindi Care Services, Eloura. Twice a week every week Thea assists the residents with Lifestyle activities supporting the frail aged in a variety of activities.

Thea has also volunteered continually as a volunteer for the past 5 years at Quirindi Rural Heritage Village Coffee shop which provides a wonderful service to the Liverpool Plains Shire. Thea has shown great commitment to the local Community with her volunteering and is a hidden treasure in our community.

## Ruth Doggett [Towrang]

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Ruth Doggett is an incredible force for good in our community – she has been a member of Goulburn and District Can Assist for close to 10 years and Liaison/Welfare Officer for 9 years. For a great deal of this time Ruth was working as a Support Officer in a Disability Services Organisation.

Can Assist helps those who have cancer with practical financial concerns, e.g., medical expenses, fuel vouchers and other costs associated with getting from a regional area to places of treatment. Not only does Ruth liaise with clients, assessing what best benefits them, she is a driving force, devising innovative ways to raise funds (which stay in our local area) to facilitate the distribution of monies.

Ruth works tirelessly on various cooking and craft stalls, compiles and monitors the roster of workers for same and actively recruits new members to the cause.

The Beryl Edwards Community Service Award from Goulburn Quota Inc. was awarded to Ruth this year in recognition of her great work, she deserves so much more and is, truly, worthy of being on the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll.

There's not a day that goes by that she is not doing something to improve the quality of care for our clients and she does this to make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

## Sharon Draper [Loomberah]

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Sharon grew up fighting for what she believed whether it was gender equality, empowerment for women and girls or saying no to domestic violence. Sharon is a former president, now current member, and advocacy chair of the Zonta Club of Tamworth (zonta.org).

Sharon is still doing all she can to fight for equal rights, education, empowerment and saving the world whether that be through her charity work with Save the Children for over 10 years, volunteering as a board member of the Tamworth Community College for the past 3 years, leading climate change rallies (Tamworth Family & Friends for Climate Action), standing up as the union representative for her fellow teachers.

Sharon is a hidden treasure in our community and her fellow Zontians would like to acknowledge her enormous contribution to both our local community and our global one.

Born in Tamworth and raised on a local sheep property at Halls Creek Manilla, Sharon went to university in Brisbane and then worked in Industrial Relations in Brisbane and Sydney. Being the first in the family to go to university, she has always been grateful for the opportunity of an education and how important that is in empowering people and lifting them out of poverty. She has a keen interest in politics, voter education and politicians' accountability.

Her involvement (up to 20 hours a month) in the above organisations and membership on other local community committees encompasses organising fundraising activities, performing community service and being an advocate, raising awareness and educating others on global issues.

## **Shirley Drysdale [Wellington]**

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Shirley Drysdale and her husband, Drew, came to Wellington in 1995. In 1996, Shirley joined Wellington Amateur Theatrical Society assisting with the shows, costume hire and served as chair for the past 10-12 years. Shirley has volunteered with Wellington Hospital Auxiliary, chaired the Wellington Health Council, Legacy Laurel Member, Torch Bearers for Legacy, Councillor at Wellington Shire Council, War Widows, Member of Marantha Retirement Committee, Committee member of Wellington Multi Service Centre.

Shirley is a hidden treasure in the Wellington Community.

## **Gayl Ellem [Nana Glen]**

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Gayl was born in Balmain, Sydney. At the age of 8 her family moved to Nana Glen, where she has lived for the last 62 years. Gayl has always been a community minded person and has been involved and is still involved with many organisations in our small community.

In August 1998, Gayl helped start the Nana Glen Community News and is still involved on a voluntary basis, keeping the local community informed and connected. She has volunteered at the local school canteen, transported school children to tennis and other sporting activities and taught scripture at school for 25 years.

Along with her husband Ian, she set up a Youth Fellowship group providing activities and support for the youth of Nana Glen on Friday nights, which she did for 25 years. She was also involved with voluntary lay ministry for 30 years. Gayl volunteered with Heart Start, an organisation which provides medical support until an ambulance arrives, for approximately 5 years.

From 1989 until now has been involved with the Nana Glen Memorial Hall in the position of secretary, bookings officer and many more jobs within the hall. She believes the hall is the hub for our community, a meeting place, venue for many functions and an emergency centre for Nana Glen and surrounding areas.

For more than 30 years Gayl has been a real hidden treasure to the community of Nana Glen and has never sought any recognition for her efforts. She has worked tirelessly as a volunteer to better our community.

## **Belinda Estens [Tamworth]**

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Belinda Estens is an exceptional woman who tirelessly provides support to the Tamworth District and North-western Area of the Rural Fire Service. Belinda has faced adversity for being a woman within the RFS but continues to strive to be a support for other women, a strong leader in her brigade and provides important education to the community.

Belinda has been a member of the RFS for 20 years and has served the community tirelessly. Her capacity as an Air Base Manager has allowed for important aerial firefighting to occur during the 19/20 fire season. She is a truly wonderful person who continues to demonstrate the values of the RFS.

## **Pamela Farrell [Warialda]**

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Pam Farrell is a human dynamo. While most people walk, Pam is always moving faster, doing, giving, helping, aware of being of assistance to others. Pam grew up in large family, and started working in early childcare, retail, and more. She married Michael Farrell at a young age, and they began a lifetime of working diligently at many employment positions, including hotels and hospitality management. Over and above their employment both readily offer to help many others in the community – parents, grandparents, and friend to many. Great people. Pamela volunteers with the Country Women's Association.

## Kaitlyn Faulkner [Gunnedah]

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Kaitlyn Faulkner grew up in Forbes in country NSW. She moved to attend university to study physiotherapy in Sydney and went on to practice as a physiotherapist and have 3 children. She currently lives and works in Gunnedah in NSW.

Kaitlyn is a passionate advocate for women's health and mental health. Kaitlyn volunteers for and is a director on the board of directors for The Nurtured Village.

Despite her own personal challenges, mental health, financial strain, hyperemesis pregnancies, raising 3 babies without her own village, Kaitlyn advocates tirelessly for women and their mental health through her social media, via the charity and in her community and on our podcast The Nurtured Village Podcast.

Kaitlyn dedicates up to 5 hours every week creating content and engaging with the community in Gunnedah and Coonabarabran to facilitate hampers which she delivers to a mum in the region every month, she collects donations from businesses and individuals to gift to a mum navigating hardship. She recently engaged with the CWA in Gunnedah to strengthen awareness and ties.

Her vulnerability, her tenacity and her tireless work will create genuine change for women in the Gunnedah shire.

Having suffered from hyperemesis gravidarum Kaitlyn also volunteers for hyperemesis gravidarum Australia (HA) including completing a triathlon to raise funds for the charity.



## Kaitlin Foran [Kempsey]

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Kaitlin was born and lives in Kempsey NSW. Attended St. Paul's College before working in the local area for a couple of years.

Kaitlin started playing rugby for the Kempsey Cannonballs in our women's team. This year, she asked to take on the junior girls' teams as a coach on Sunday gala days. She trained the girls solo and made sure she did all her online training to become a coach, as well as developed a great bond with parents and kids during the season.

Kaitlin also became a committee member for the rugby club and dove headfirst into helping where she could. She got her assistant referee's qualification so she could help run touch lines during Saturday games, organised our lady's day function as well as the end of year awards. She attended all meetings and put her hand up for almost everything that she could and did an amazing job.

Kaitlin was awarded one of our most coveted awards in 2022, the "Cannonballer of the year award" our first female recipient in the clubs nearly 50-year history. A very deserving person for this award, Kaitlin has been an outstanding volunteer for our club, she has made sure Junior girls rugby in our area continues. Spending 10+ hours a week during rugby season to volunteer her time both at games and behind the scenes as well as working full time, she is an outstanding example for the young girls and women in our club.

## Danielle Fordham [Tocal]

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Through her volunteer work Danielle Fordham is giving inspiration to school students investigating career pathways.

Danielle was Sydney born and raised, and it is where her volunteering life began at the Royal Easter Show, but she has now found a passion for agriculture and volunteering in regional NSW. Danielle works as an alumni officer for Tocal Agricultural College as she studies a Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management and gives generously of her time to encourage young people, and especially women, to follow her into the agricultural industry. She organises events for International Women's Day, for regional field days and for communities – nominating working with the Gunnedah community for mental health during the last drought as a highlight event.

But it is her volunteer work with Young Farming Champions; a cohort of university students and early-career agricultural professionals, where she feels she has the most impact, as she goes into high schools to talk about her journey from Sydney to jobs on farm (sheep, cropping, dairy) and in agribusiness across NSW.

“I find that in sharing my story I don’t just advertise the industry, but I inspire the people around me with my unique adventure in agriculture, and I represent the opportunities that are available to them. I am not the ideal student, I didn’t get the greatest ATAR or excel at school, but I didn’t let that define what I could do in my life or let that limit the impact I could make.”

## Margaret Foster [Bingara]

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The youngest of 3 Siblings, Marg Foster was born in Katoomba in the Blue Mountains, she lived there for her early life and into her 20 ‘s.

A young “Margie “as this amazing, genuine, and gentle woman is known to us as, was set to explore much more of NSW as her life unfolded. We are all so blessed it did as she is one fine caring Hidden Treasure in our midst !!.

Margie’s early volunteering vocation started with a commitment to Girl Guides from the age of 7 years, through the Guides movement, Margie helped many others through her role of Guide leader in the Blue Mountains and later at Peak Hill, Gilgandra, and Dubbo. The Scouts Group were part of her generous offer of community work along with a youth group for school students, a great example for her growing family.

Changes to family dynamics saw her move north to Bingara NSW in 2013. A fresh start here and this community has benefitted from the generous caring hearts of both Jeff and Margie Foster who have hearts as big as lions and care about their community.

Margie joined Bingara branch of CWA of NSW in 2014. Lucky for that Branch as this energetic, versatile, and capable lady has held the positions of President (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Handicraft and Publicity Officer, Branch Counsellor, and Delegate. On a Gwydir Group level of CWA, Margie has been Handicraft, Publicity, Agricultural and Environment Officers and is a current Vice President, a committed, knowledgeable member with many talents.

During seasonal Droughts of severe impact, Margie worked with Gwydir Shire Council to facilitate the Oz Harvest project for donated grocery distribution for 18 months locally. The Fosters property served as a drop off and collection point for Mullumbimby Drought Helpers, who sent hay, chook food, milk etc. 150 Food bank hampers, 300 Ladies of the Land gifts and assistance with accessing monetary aid from CWA / Vinnies and The Salvation Army were all part of Margie's mantra to seek those that required help and make it happen. The challenges of Covid only serving to consider how more safely the community could be assisted.

On interview, Margie relates that she enjoys helping and volunteering as she feels it helps the community to flourish and work as one. When asked about her volunteer hours, she replied that they varied but that most days there was something to be done for CWA, meetings, catering, handicrafts, care packages for hospital patients, care bears, and hospital visiting support.

Isn't Bingara, its people, and visitors lucky to have such a Hidden humble human treasure like Margie Foster?

"I enjoy the happiness on people's faces when you are able to help, even if it's a listening ear, a cooked meal offered, assistance with their shopping task or changing a light bulb for them, everything helps!" mentions Margie in her usual down to earth manner.

Well said Margie, everything does help and contributes to the whole. You are one of Bingara's Hidden Treasures, one amazing lady and human.

## Sandra Fox [Maitland]

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Sandra Fox has been a constant member of Maitland Country Women's Association of NSW for 22 years.

Born in Sydney, her childhood was spent firstly at Rathmines where her RAAF father was stationed at Rathmines Flying Boats, and then deployed to Japan, so her family went home to Sydney to live with grandparents for the duration of the war. Sandra attended Beverley Hills Girl's High School, being a foundation student at the new school. After attaining her leaving certificate she did a year's course at a private secretarial college. She worked for Peck's Paste in Sydney, followed by a position working as a medical secretary.

Holidaying in Queensland, Sandra met her future husband, married and as a RAAF family, spent time in Darwin and Williamstown Raymond Terrace. Sandra was a scout leader, and a Little Athletics' coach, also a committee member of Raymond Terrace swimming club.

During Sandra's 22 years at Maitland Branch, she has held various positions, Secretary, International officer, and Handicraft officer. She enjoys entering her beautiful embroidery in the Handicraft Competitions, and usually gains high marks for her pieces. Sandra is a very loyal member of CWA, always there when needed either at our Branch or when her family needs help, and until her mother's passing, she would catch the train each Friday to visit and return Sunday afternoon. She enjoys cooking, and bakes for our monthly Farmers Market CWA stall.

Sandra is a member of Embroiderers Australia and was a tutor with Hunter Community College. She encourages her grandchildren and Great Grandchildren with their artistic talents, and shares her knowledge of embroidery, sewing, crochet and knitting, Teaching members and friends at CWA craft and friendship days.

## **Megan Gaffney** [Wagga Wagga]

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Megan is a Wagga Wagga local, who has played a pivotal role over the past 12 years in bringing much needed awareness, support and resources for families who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss in regional and rural areas with her steadfast advocacy and volunteer work. Megan's passion follows her own experience of infant loss, having sadly lost her daughter, Ruby who was stillborn in 2010.

Since the loss of Ruby, Megan used local research to identify that in an 18-month period, 45 families had lost infants without access to regional or rural support. In response, Megan has worked tirelessly to reduce this rural gap in services, both on the ground – providing crisis support to families in hospitals directly after the loss of a child, and for the 12 months following; as well as on a larger scale through liaising with local council, politicians, funeral homes, national services and assisting with organising local memorial and awareness events.

Recently, Megan has formalised this support by co-founding locally based pregnancy and infant loss not-for-profit organisation, Vilomah. Vilomah means 'against the natural order', highlighting the devastating impact of

the loss of a child. Megan has now become the first point of contact for the hospitals in Wagga, who rely on her to respond to and provide essential immediate and 12-month ongoing support for impacted families

Megan has not only filled a significant service gap, but more importantly, created a safe space for regional/remote families to grieve, honour and remember their lost babies.

## Keely Holden [Taree]

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Keely Holden is an outstanding member of our local community, and the Manning River Rugby Club.

Keely is a single mum, who works fulltime in childcare, and volunteers a minimum of 15 hours per week across the sporting organisation she represents, being Manning River Rugby Club & the Taree City Bulls Rugby League club as well as coaching and development of juniors through the Southern Eagles Junior Rugby Union.

Keely is the secretary of the Manning River Rugby Club, and has been for the past 4 years, Keely is instrumental in the day to day and strategic running of the club.

Whether it is organizing fundraisers, liaising with our governing bodies or preparing the canteen for match day, Keely is always going above and beyond without fuss or fanfare. I can't think of a person more deserving of an honour such as this, than our hidden treasure, Keely Holden.

## Sue Inglis [Coleambally]

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Sue grew up in Adelaide and moved to our town in 2010 with her husband. Sue volunteers as a Coleambally Lions member and presently is our Occupational Health and Safety Officer as well being a past President. Every year a group of 100 people with a disability from our Lions District travel to Licola in Victoria for a week of activities. Sue is responsible for the craft section of this camp. She also is involved with CWA being a District Officer, member of the Garden Club and is an organiser with the local Country Education Foundation. She is very passionate about helping the organisation that she is involved with.

## Yasmin Jimmieson [Muswellbrook]

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Yasmin Jimmieson is an exceptional young lady who spends countless hours volunteering for organisations across the state, with a particular focus on the State Emergency Service.

She was recently appointed the Muswellbrook acting deputy unit commander position which reflects her hard work, passion, and commitment to the service. In the last year, Yasmin has been deployed to several communities affected by severe weather events across the state including flooding, tornadoes, and a multitude of storms.

Her dedication to helping people in times of need and her selfless nature is a quality to be admired and is further supported by her gaining the qualifications as a general land rescue operator, in which she extracts casualties in traumatic situations including motor vehicle, industrial, and domestic accidents. Behind the scenes, Yasmin spends an infinite amount of time attending and organising unit training, community engagement events, attending requests for assistance from the community, attending training courses, and mentoring.

Yasmin has been with the service for over 5 years and joined for multiple reasons including to give back to the community, personal development, and life skills, and to meet new people, however, her reason for staying in the service is uncommon for someone her age. She believes in empowering young women like herself to join the service and leads by example proving that anything is possible if you have the right attitude. Yasmin is an influential, inspirational, and genuine member of the service and community, who goes above and beyond to support those around her.

## Sister Patricia Johnson [Griffith]

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Sr Tricia was born in Sydney and moved to Griffith when she was seven. She joined the Mercy Sisters in 1966. She trained as a teacher and taught religion in state schools in southern NSW. On her return to Griffith from 1983 to 1987, she coordinated religious education in the state schools. After completing degrees in Theology and Social Work she spent time as a Pastoral Associate in Canberra, four years working with Child Protection and four years as a school chaplain.

On her return to Griffith in 2015, Sr Tricia has devoted herself to community work on a voluntary basis, with most of her time spent with refugee and migrant women, giving at least 25 hours a week of her time to the community. She works with lots of individual women, helping them learn English and giving them support and encouragement. She has also sourced 37 sewing machines and 7 overlockers which she has had serviced, uses to teach women to sew and then gives them to women who cannot afford to buy them.

From 2016 she has been one of the leaders of Women on Fire, a group of local women who provide activities for refugee and migrant women. Activities run for six weeks of each school term excluding COVID lockdowns. Activities have included learn to sew, craft, exercise sessions, art tutoring at the Art Gallery, knitting, jewellery making, and water safety/ learn to swim. Tricia gained her Cert IV in Training and Assessment so she could present modified Certificate courses for these women in Food Handling and Machine Sewing. She has been one of the regular tutors for this group.

In 2022 she is the Coordinator of Women on Fire. She teaches English to four women from India and Pakistan. She regularly visits other refugee women. As well she acts as a companion for an Indian lady with mental health issues and delivers hampers for Hampers of Hope.

Tricia has always been motivated to help women, especially vulnerable women. She is particularly proud of the strong bonds she has formed with so many women in our community and the help she has been able to provide. She is a much loved and admired community member.

## Desma Kearsey [Inverell]

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Desma is a kind, wonderful person who has dedicated much of her life to supporting the people of her community, not only through her career as a physiotherapist, but also through her self-less volunteer work in the Gwydir community.

Desma currently is retired and volunteers her time with the CWA, currently as the Vice President of the Gwydir group. As well as being a delegate to state conferences, participating in fundraising activities and her past involvement as publicity officer. With her time, Desma endeavours over the years to support the local Gwydir community through cooking, raising funding and distributing of goods to victims of natural disaster.

Desma married Peter Kearsey in 1972 and have three wonderful sons and 12 grandchildren. In her time in Inverell, she established the first physiotherapy department at Inverell hospital through a \$5000 grant from the Inverell Lions club, helping to improve the lives of people in the Gwydir region. Regularly Desma volunteers as a physiotherapist for the Highlanders Rugby Union Club. She also assists with the Lions Club and Red Cross supporting fundraising activities. Desma is a member of the Inverell Women's Shed as well as being a volunteer publicity officer for the Northaven Disability Services.

Desma always says that her reason for volunteering is her love and concern for others and her desire to assist others to a better, happier life and community.

## Marjorie Keech [Tamworth]

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Marjorie was born in Wyong NSW and currently lives in Tamworth NSW. She has devoted her life to nursing and although semi-retired she went back to full time work during the Covid outbreak to ensure as many locals as possible were vaccinated.

She has a longstanding commitment to the local women's refuge and domestic violence survivors. Her skills don't rest there, though, as she currently volunteers for two local cancer fundraising groups. Can Assist Tamworth and Serendipity Breast Cancer Awareness Group.



Marjorie will always lend a hand no matter what the job, she is always there with a smile on her face and ready to get things done. She has a heart the size of Australia and deserves to be recognised for all she does to support others.

## Abbie Kelly [Broken Hill]

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Abbie was born and has lived in Broken Hill her entire life, (of 13 years) but that has not stopped her accomplishing great things.

At 12 years of age, Abbie was named the overall NSW volunteer and young volunteer of the year for the work that she had done with various charities, the environment, and advocacy.

In 2022, Abbie started the Rainbow Shoelace Project. The aim of the project is to show support to the LGBTIQ+ community by wearing Pride coloured beads on your shoelaces. Abbie is encouraging members of the LGBTIQ+ community and their allies to join this project by wearing the beads, and in doing so, have a positive impact on the mental health of the LGBTIQ+ community.

Abbie has given away over 45,000 packs of beads since March, across Australia (and even some overseas).

Abbie was also a member of the 2022 Regional Youth Taskforce and the 2022 Volunteering Taskforce.

She is a great advocate and activist who is always willing to give her time to anyone or any cause that needs it.

## Patricia Kirkby [Merriwa]

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Pat has made an outstanding contribution to the Merriwa Community since her arrival here with her family in 1972. Pat was active as a Registered Nurse between 1982–2005 at the Merriwa Hospital, as Deputy Director of Nursing, later becoming Director of Nursing. While the MPS was being planned and built, Pat played a major role in the submissions and approval procedures in her position as Director of Nursing.

Her involvement with the Church began when she was recommended for the Bishops Certificate Course. After four years of study, she was ordained a Priest in 2011. Since then, Pat's ministry has included assisting the incumbent Priest, taking Services, weddings, funerals, and baptisms – always bearing her personal stamp of care for everyone.

Pat's work includes Ecumenical work, and all denominations are included in her pastoral care. She has delivered pastoral care to both the MPS and Gummun Place Hostel over many years and regularly visits patients and residents.

Anzac Day, Remembrance Day services and the Blessing of the Fleece at the Festival are among her annual functions. All her work for the Church is carried out on a voluntary basis. She has also been a tireless volunteer for Merriwa Park Run, Merriwa Central School P & C and Merriwa Show for many years.

## Fiona Lane [Coffs Harbour]

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The onward march of women has taken them onto the AFL field, and Fiona Lane, a leader in several areas, including surf lifesaving, has been right at the AFL vanguard at Coffs Harbour. The women started their competition there three years ago and Fiona joined the local AFL club committee.

In her profession as a childcare worker, she has helped others in professional development. Fiona has also led the way in local surf lifesaving. She was selected as one of the leaders at the first lifesaving development camp in April and is hoping to run more such events. Fiona is also organising an event to raise funds for mental health.

## Karen Lowry [Sussex Inlet]

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Sussex Inlet, a south coast town heavily orientated to the water, needs good rescuers and Karen, Unit Commander of Marine Rescue, Sussex Inlet, has not only played her part for more than four years but through her enthusiasm and energy has built up unit membership from 15 to 50, taking in more women and disabled members.

Her success has been widely noted in maritime rescue circles and the general community. Karen has encouraged greater participation by her unit in activities such as Australia Day, International Women's Day, and Anzac Day, taking on many roles including manning a Danish hot dog stall on the Queen's Birthday Weekend.

## Sanita Majhi [Lavington]

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Sanita Majhi has been actively volunteering with the Albury Wodonga Multicultural Community Events (AWMCE), a non-profit multicultural organisation which aims is to empower, showcase multiculturalism, entertain and help the multicultural communities in difficult time.

AWMCE fosters social cohesion, support migrants, CALD diverse communities and international students together in the Albury Wodonga Region.

Sanita was born in Bhutan and had lived in a Bhutanese Refugee camp in Nepal for 15 plus years and resettled in Australia. Her amazing work and help vulnerable multicultural communities have benefited various individual's communities.

AWMCE aims to support individuals affected by mental illness, past traumas, and suicide. Also, aims to bring the community together to continue conversations and share experiences around trauma, suicide, and mental illness.

She had host anchoring at the multicultural youth showcase, well-being projects and food relief packages distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe she deserved this prestigious award for Hidden Treasure.

## Anne Mason [Muswellbrook]

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Anne was born in Orange before moving to Armidale to attend University to become a teacher. She then taught at 4 schools before arriving at Muswellbrook South Public School where she taught until retirement.

After retirement she continued to work as a volunteer at Muswellbrook South Public School. Since 2016, Anne has actively volunteered for the University of the 3rd Age. Each week she volunteers about 9 hours each week where she helps to organise and actively participates in various activities.

Anne has been a volunteer with the Hunter Sustainability Landcare team since 2018 where she spends about 2 hours each week completing paperwork as part of her secretary duties. She also volunteers for the Penguin Community Garden where she has volunteered since 2018 and spends about 6 hours each week coordinating and completing garden activities for herself and other volunteers.

As a volunteer Anne is always willing to take on challenges and takes responsibility for completing actions others are not so keen to take on.

## Sorell Masters [Wauchope]

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Sorell Masters grew up on Rottnest Island WA. Later in life she moved to the mid North Coast of NSW where she has continued her career as a community nurse.

Her kindness, compassion and caring ways easily transferred to her involvement in the Wauchope/Port Macquarie Riding for the Disabled Centre (RDA), where 12 years ago she became a volunteer and more recently a coach. Sorell has always been a tireless and hard worker for this charity. She is the humblest and always generous and selfless, always putting others and the horses before herself.

On a daily basis she is involved with the feeding of the horses, attending to any veterinary issues, and assisting with farrier duties. Additionally, she routinely performs a training programme with the horses which is essential for the days when our disabled persons ride.

Overall the hours she would spend as a volunteer each week would amount to approximately 20.

As a coach she conducts sessions for the riders which assist with the development of physical, cognitive, and social skills in accordance with the rider's disability. Sorell also conducts horse management training sessions on a weekly basis for other volunteers and as such she is highly revered and respected.

Her rapport with riders, carers, parents is well recognised amongst the RDA community.

In Sorell's own words 'RDA is her life'. Sorell has unanimously been acknowledged by the committee and volunteers of Wauchope/Port Macquarie RDA as a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

## Emily May [Griffith]

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Emily May grew up in the peri-urban environment of Sydney's food bowl in the Hawkesbury district and witnessed the challenges agriculture faces with increasing urban sprawl. Determined to find a way to balance conflicting land uses she studied a Bachelor of Agriculture and now works as a graduate agronomist in Griffith.

Emily volunteers her time to ensure agriculture is an attractive career path for the younger generation. She does this through Action4Agriculture where she manages Paddock Pen Pals, an online program designed to connect predominantly urban school students with young leaders in the agricultural industry known as Young Farming Champions.

Emily may be standing in a client's paddock as she beams into classrooms for a one-hour Zoom call to describe her role in agriculture and why she is passionate about it. She coordinates a range of other Young Farming Champions including wool brokers, researchers, and geneticists to illustrate that agriculture extends beyond the farm gate.

To best manage the team, she oversees Emily organises training sessions for the Young Farming Champions, has written a manual for seamless presentation and liaises with schools to find a Young Farming Champion that best suits their needs.

Paddock Pen Pals provides the opportunity for students to gain exposure to the industry that feeds and clothes them and Emily particularly enjoys sharing her own story. “Having grown up in Sydney my journey into agriculture is different to many other young people and I hope it inspires them to follow me into this industry.”

## Janece McDonald [East Maitland]

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Janece McDonald, a quiet achiever, was born in Dungog NSW, later attending Maitland Girls High School where in 1967 she received a Master and Wardens Citizenship Award, and in Dungog awarded a Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

Janece continued her education achieving a Diploma Technology- Chemistry (Newcastle Technical College - 1971) Bachelor of Science (1998), Bachelor of Science Honours 1st Class (2000) and her PhD at University of Newcastle (2005). Janece was awarded on the Dean’s Commendation List in 1996 and 1998 and the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering Award in 2001.

Janece began her career in 1968 as a Trainee Industrial Chemist with Hunter Water Board, followed with years of employment at Newcastle University in a variety of roles including Lecturer in Earth Sciences and Open Foundation/ Environmental and Climate Change Research Group/ Senior Technical Officer Chemistry.

A mother of 3 children, 2 stepchildren, and 13 grandchildren Janece enjoys theatre, reading, gardening, travelling, researching history and earth sciences. She also writes/co-authors/editor of several local history books and articles e.g., Brough House /The Hostel years 1919–1969, Timber Getters, Sawmills, and Sawmillers.

Janece has always been active in supporting Girl Guides and Brownies, junior sporting groups, reading for the Aged, Women’s Network Hunter NSW, Maitland and Paterson Historical Societies, Maitland Regional Museum, National Trust, Friends of Grossman House, organiser of Maitland Heritage Fest, Maitland City Council and more.

Janece enjoys giving her time to others, helping elderly and those in need. Janece deserves to be “A Hidden Treasure of Maitland”.

## Sue McDonald [Goulburn]

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Sue McDonald is a hidden treasure with a commitment to supporting her rural community through her ongoing volunteering work with Meals on Wheels, Goulburn Garden Club, Warrigal Residential Care Auxiliary, Red Cross, Goulburn Show Society, Can Assist and Girl Guides Auxiliary.

Whether it is delivering a hot meal to a client's home, propagating plants for the garden stall, raising funds to provide financial assistance to people with cancer, sorting and pricing donated goods or attending monthly meetings, Sue is the first in line willing to lend a hand, but always in the background.

Sue supported her children throughout their school years with involvement in P&C's, soccer, and softball activities. She was born in Young NSW, moved to Goulburn aged 5 and was schooled and worked in Goulburn until her marriage in 1975 when she moved to Bathurst. She returned to Goulburn in 1990 where she continues to live and support her community.

Sue has been volunteering since 1975 and spends an average of 15 hours per week assisting organisations who appreciate her dedication to service. She particularly enjoys her weekly visits to Warrigal where she helps run a knitting group. Sue says it is a wonderful social gathering where the residents feel they are doing something useful and the stories flow. It is wonderful to share their happy times. Sue has held positions in many of these organisations and says she has made new friends through volunteering. It gives her pleasure to be able to support her community.

## Carolyn McMullen [Stanborough]

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Sincerity, authenticity, and inspiration. Carolyn McMullen exudes all of these and more anytime you meet her. Carolyn is an amazing, generous humanitarian. Her history of service to others is endless and impressive. Having been volunteering in the community since 1981.

Carolyn has been involved with Barraba Women's Bowling Club, Gulf Creek Tennis Club, Barraba Playgroup, St Josephs School Barraba P&C Association, Bundara Central School P&C Association, manager of Central North Junior Rugby Team, Manager of the Northern Provence U15 Country Team, Rural Fire Service and Grace Munro Aged Care Auxiliary. All of which she has been involved in various roles, providing support and service to her community.

Currently, Carolyn serves her community through the CWA as a State Executive Committee Member. But has held many roles within the CWA during her involvement. Creating a difference in her local community.

Carolyn is an amazing, humble, generous soul.

## **Beris Meldrum [Terrigal]**

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Beris is a well-known community member in Terrigal. She has been a member and volunteer at Terrigal Surf Lifesaving Club for around 30 years. Day after day, week after week and year after year, Beris is down at the surf club volunteering her time as a trainer, official, first aider and almost every other role you can think of.

She embodies a local hidden treasure.

## **Christine Meyers [Maitland]**

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Christine was born in Maitland. Living in Gillieston Heights, she attended Gillieston Public School, where she was school captain, and then attended Maitland Girl's High school. Leaving school after year 10, she completed a secretarial course at Maitland TAFE, and worked at Galton's Department Store, followed by joining the Rural Bank in 1973. After marrying in 1976 she and her husband Barry moved to Sydney, she continued to work in the Rural bank, later called State bank, then changing to Commonwealth Bank.

Christine and her sister bought a Gourmet Sandwich shop at Carrington until 2007, when she joined Maitland CWA. Here she took on Office Bearers positions of Ag and Enviro, Culture, Cookery, Catering, and Secretary over the past 15 years and is currently Treasurer. Christine, being a very family minded lady looked after her ageing parents, young grandchildren, and supported her husband in his 36 years of service to NSW Police Force.

At the same time, she was also working at Mai-Wel Hunter Valley Disability Services, and volunteering with Meals on Wheels for several years. As catering officer Christine does wonderful work in organizing the food we provide when Maitland Branch hosts events, serving Devonshire teas, at Tocal Field Days and Maitland Show, she is also a great cook, and this year received a 3rd prize in the Royal Sydney Show's local Region competition for her rich fruit cake.

Christine is, and always has been, a person who always puts her hand up to volunteer, works hard, and gives her time to help and care for others.



## Lillian Joyce Miller [Kyogle]

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Lillian Joyce Miller or Joyce as she is known in the Kyogle community, was born here in Kyogle 79 years ago and grew up at the small village in Afterlee with her family on a dairy farm. Joyce attended high school in Kyogle, and she moved to Lismore when she finished school before moving to Victoria. Joyce returned to the Kyogle area 15 years ago with her husband after retiring. Joyce volunteers for many different organisations in our area, she is in the Kyogle branch of the Lions Club, where among many things Joyce unpacks boxes of food at the local Food pantry on Wednesdays with the Lions Club.

Joyce also volunteers at the local Senior Centre where she helps with activities and lunch preparation two days a week with her husband and brother, Joyce also brings people to the Senior Centre who have no transport of their own.

Joyce volunteers at Hart Community services, transporting people, mostly over 65 years of age to medical appointments at local doctors in Kyogle as well as specialists, dentists, podiatrists and day surgeries in Lismore, 40 minutes away. Joyce has been a volunteer driver for many years and still does up to 4 trips a week if needed. She rarely says no and is a favourite amongst the clients.

Joyce is a caring person who goes above and beyond as a driver for Hart and the other organisations she is part of. She is a caring member of the community.

## Molly Molloy [Broken Hill]

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Molly has lived in Broken Hill for all her 14 years of life.

In 2019, Molly undertook to make 100 joey kangaroo bags to donate to RRANA, for joey kangaroos who were orphaned due to their mother being hit by a car.

Molly has been a member of her school leadership team for many years, this includes being on the SRC in both primary and high school, and she was the school captain of her primary school in 2020. Also in 2020, Molly had the idea to improve the look of the back of one of the school blocks and set about to get volunteers to help her to paint it in bright designs.

Molly participates in local theatre and musical productions and is also a member of the Alma Swimming Club. She also a volunteer radio host on Broken Hill community Radio station, 2 Dry FM. In this role Molly has participated in events with live streaming such as the Mundi Mundi Bash and youth week celebrations.

Molly always goes above and beyond and has been recognised as Cub Scout of the year on a local and state level. She has worked hard to receive the highest award for a cub. In 2022 Molly was awarded Scout of the Year for her local group. Recently, Molly was applied to attend the World Scout Jamboree, which is to be held in South Korea in 2023. Molly was accepted to attend and following this, she has raised over \$6,000 towards the fees, by working hard to hand deliver 10,000 phone books, selling donuts and having sausage sizzles, and by writing to businesses to request donations.

In October 2022, Molly was awarded the Far West Young Volunteer of the Year by the Centre for Volunteering.

## Sue Morphett [Rutherford]

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Susan Morphett also known as Sue, is a valuable member of Maitland Country Woman's

Association. She always makes new members feel welcome and has held several positions in our Branch since joining in 2015.

Sue was born in Maitland, and attended Telarah Primary School, and then attended Maitland Girls High School. After leaving school Sue worked at Galtons Austex Fabric Store in Maitland, before commencing 2 years of Nursing Training. After her marriage and the birth of her daughter, Sue worked for Woolworths and later a position in merchandising.

Sue is a very caring person, and with husband John they have looked after their grandchildren and great grandchildren, and for the past years her mother too. She has been a wonderful example for her great granddaughters to follow, sharing her cooking, artistic and craft talents with the girls, encouraging them to enter competitions at Maitland Show, along with supporting them in their schooling, sport, and social activities.

Sue supports all CWA activities, and bakes her special cakes, loaves, Christmas cakes and more for fund raising at a monthly stall at Maitland

Farmers Earth Markets, Maitland Show, Tocal Field days and catering at other events.

Sue enjoys sewing and patchwork, making baby accessories, teddies, and bibs etc., always ready to help others with their project, knitting beanies and making baby jackets for Mother and Baby bags.

During natural disasters over the past few years, drought, flooding and fires, Sue has organized collections of goods, clothes, and donations for sending to local and further afield communities. Sue is another Hidden Treasure.

## Teresa Murphy [Nana Glen]

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Teresa (Terri) was born in Sydney and at 10 years old her family relocated to the Sutherland Shire. surrounded by National Parks. During the families first summer in their new home, they witnessed their first bushfire which tore through the gully near their home. Terri's parents became volunteers soon after that experience, which inadvertently was the start of Terri's involvement with the Rural Fire Service.

Throughout her schooling Terri and her friends would make their way to the station straight from school and became known as the "Fire Brigade Brats".

Senior Deputy Captain Terri Murphy has been an NSW Rural Fire Service Volunteer for almost 40 years, with over 20 years in the Nana Glen Brigade, holding various positions such as Captain, Brigade Secretary, Brigade Treasure, First Aid Officer as well as acting as a Trainer and Driver. Terri particularly enjoys on-boarding new young members, providing training, development and mentoring other members. Terri is a National Medal recipient and received the National Emergency Medal and Premiers Bush Fire Emergency Citation for her efforts in the 2019/20 campaign in both Clarence Valley and Coffs Harbour areas.

During the 2019/20 bushfires Terri was relied upon in the community of Nana Glen, as fires were raging, as a reliable and respected source of information and guidance. The sense of community shown throughout the whole state of New South Wales during these events drives Terri to continue to serve the community, and in her words "There is nothing the boys can do that I can't".

## Jessica Murray [Louth]

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Jess lives 125km from Bourke, near Louth in Western NSW. She is a teacher by trade but is not currently working due to being a mum and her remote location. She naturally has an interest in seeing children learn, grow, and develop.

Recently she has volunteered her time, energy and has taken the initiative to seek out and apply for various grant opportunities to purchase equipment for no less than three community spaces so that mums with children can gather. One space is in her local village of Louth so her son will take advantage of this equipment – but Jess also thought to apply for equipment on behalf of two other villages – Enngonia and Tilpa (after consultation to ensure appropriate equipment was purchased). The equipment to be utilised at the Enngonia CWA building was recently delivered and set up by Jess herself, a task made far more difficult by local flooding.

Jess continues to seek more funding opportunities not only to benefit local children's development and education, but also for rural women. Living remotely, our kids do not have the same opportunities those living in or close to a town have, and women are at significant disadvantage, being mostly unable to work due to distance from town and lack of childcare options. Jess is seeking to change this for outback women and children and although she is still in the early stages it's important work she is doing.

## Jill Nash [Sawtell]

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Jill is an outstanding member of the Coffs Harbour community and has been actively involved in volunteering since she relocated here from Sydney in 2005. This includes being a committee member of the Sawtell Tennis Club where she achieved recognition for ATP circuit, due to acquiring funding for improved courts.

In 2009, she was the co-founder and chair of the Friends of Sawtell Cinema, after the floods that closed the cinema. Through her active involvement she acquired investors and chaired the steering committee overseeing the acquisition and reincarnation of the Sawtell Cinema. In 2017, she devised, coordinated, and presented U3A course 'Planning for Later Life'. From 2018 to present, she is a consumer representative with Mid North Coast Local Health District on various health committees. During 2020, Jill was awarded the 'Sawtellian of the Year' due to her outstanding community commitments.

She is currently an advocate, supporter, and events coordinator for Rural Australian for Refugees. She is an advocate for Dying with Dignity (Voluntary Assisted Dying). She designed and presented seminars that are called CHILL – Choices in Later Life in retirement villages around Coffs Harbour.

## Kerrie Nicholls [Millthorpe]

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Kerrie Nicholls has lived all her life in the Spring Hill/Millthorpe area, apart from when she went to Sydney to train to be a teacher and then back to teach at the school she had only just left. Kerrie is married to a sheep farmer and has raised their three children in Spring Hill. When she retired from teaching, she decided to volunteer at the Golden Memories Museum in Millthorpe and FoodCare, located in Orange. Kerrie has been a respected member of both organisations for over ten years.

Kerrie says she volunteers because life is more interesting when you volunteer, and it makes a change from working on a sheep farm! Kerrie says you connect with others when you volunteer, and it makes you grateful for what you have when you see others who are less fortunate.

Kerrie volunteers once a month at the museum and twice a month at FoodCare. She is a committed and supportive volunteer who speaks with pride about both organisations. At FoodCare she is part of a team that runs a shop and food relief service, explaining how the shop works, welcoming and serving customers and ensuring people in need are provided with assistance in a respectful and kind way. She has an ‘antenna’ for knowing when a customer may be experiencing hardship and is able to provide the additional support the person might require. At the museum, her role includes explaining the history of the items on display, welcoming visitors and school groups to the museum and explaining the history of the items on display.

It’s Kerrie’s dedication and warm and caring nature that makes her such a great asset to both organisations and her community and indeed, she is a ‘hidden treasure’.

## Ariba Omar [Wagga Wagga]

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Although Ariba is only 13, she has started volunteering for Cancer Council and other organizations since she was four and has been a regular since then. Her favourite events were Daffodil Day, Red Nose Day, and Pink Ribbon Day. She has shared her stories with friends and family to encourage more children to volunteer for charitable organizations.

By selling fundraising merchandise, raffles, tickets in these last few years, is a well-known face in the Wagga community. For her commitment and passion, she was a Finalist in the 2019 Cancer Council NSW Support Awards in the category “Young Hero of the Year”. In 2020–22 alone she had raised funds for Red Nose Day, MS Readathon, and had donated her hair to the “Variety-Hair with Heart” charity. In 2021 she took part in Relay for Life, Organised Mufti Day at school, and raised funds for Cancer Council. She was also one of the Finalists in the 2019 Junior Miss Wagga Wagga contests and has raised \$500 for the Adolescent and Paediatric Ward for Wagga Base Hospital.

She was also the State (NSW) Winner in the category “Giving Back to the Community Award” organized by ACYP during NSW Children Week. She loves and enjoys volunteering the most. She is also a young member of the CWA Wagga Branch and was instrumental in organizing the Garage Sale and helping the members in getting themselves tech-savvy.

She is brave enough to accept her failures as she considers them to be the steppingstone of success. Because of her attitude, passion, and giving back to the community, she was awarded NSW Young Volunteer of the Award 2020 award (Riverina) and in 2021 and 2022 she was the youngest person in the history of Wagga Wagga to be nominated for the Australia Day Awards, two consecutive years nominated by two different organizations. She was a Finalist in 2022 NSW Women of the Year Awards in the “One to Watch Award category”.

In addition to her volunteering services, she never neglects studies and academically is a bright child. She completes Premier Reading Challenge since Kindergarten as she enjoys reading, won Highly Commended Award represented her school in Regional Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking competition, was a Regional Finalist at NSW Premier’s Spelling Bee contest and represented her school in 2020, won Gold and Platinum Award at her school and was part of her school Band and Chord. She was a

part of her school Debating Team and in Robotics and had won the Rotary Public Speaking contest. She was also selected in the Opportunity Class in Primary school and currently is a Selective Class student studying in Year 7 at Koorringal High School.

During COVID she had been advocating the children to minimise their screen time and had also spoken against bullying. She had taken part in Fusion (Wagga's biggest Multicultural Festival) and had shared some of the resources from eSafety Commissioner on Bullying and Cyber Security.

Ariba is smart, kind, confident, mature and would encourage the young generation to engage heavily within their local community. Looking at her determination and passion, one can only say that her age is just a number for her.

## Jillian Petzke [Mairjimmy]

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Jill was born and educated in Finley, a small rural town in the Southern Riverina. Jill and her husband farm a large property twenty kms north of Berrigan. Jill has five adult children and eight grandchildren.

Jill possesses a very strong faith and is a devout member of her church, she leads bible study and is actively involved with all matters of the church. Her contribution to the street stalls is unsurpassed, arriving at the stall with a carload of sponge cakes and slices. Funds raised got Mission or Frontier Services.

Jill taught scripture at the Berrigan Primary School for thirty-eight years. Her Christian beliefs are daily evidenced by her extreme generosity to Berrigan community and surrounds, welcoming and engaging newcomers, her love of cooking sees many folks receive food. At Christmas Jill assists with the church Christmas light and message display.

Jill has a great love for sewing and has been involved with sewing and craft classes for many years at the Berrigan Primary School. Her expertise is sought for the annual school plays, Jill makes all the costumes, not only for the local school, as well schools at Jerilderie, Barooga, Finley, and Tocumwal. Her volunteers' hours and monetary contribution is exceptional. The costumes are often borrowed by other schools and individuals.

Jill does a lot of work in the background supporting people, that not many are aware of. She is very generous to friends in their hour of need, often driving them to medical appointments. She is always cheerful, enthusiastic, and encouraging. Jill volunteers to make a difference to people's lives, because of her faith, to keep busy and see the joy on the children's faces and their appreciation when they see their costume.

## Tracy Provost [Ulladulla]

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Get a person brilliant at one thing, and it's a fair bet they are multi-skilled. Such is the case of Tracy, Unit Commander of the Ulladulla SES, an SES volunteer for 48 years, retired school principal and who has also made her mark as an elite gymnastics coach. Tracy's school gymnastics team has won six state championships and she has taken an Australian representative team abroad.

So, in leading some 80 SES volunteers in the times of flood, storm and tsunami, a splendid performance would be expected, as she has led teams in crisis after crisis and on top of many other commitments has written SES instruction manuals in use across the state.

## Christine Pullman [Gunnedah]

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Chris Pullman grew up and lives here in Gunnedah NSW. She is a country girl at heart.

Chris is the Client Liaison Officer of Gunnedah Branch of Can Assist. We are truly blessed to have someone as dedicated to her role as Chris is. Gunnedah Can Assist is a small group of passionate volunteers who tirelessly fundraise to allow the branch to financially assist local community members affected by cancer and undergoing treatment.

We understand that families struggle to cope with reduced income because of a cancer diagnosis and that they face increased expenses from travel, accommodation, and medical costs. This is where Chris steps in. Once she is contacted by someone needing strict confidential financial assistance she goes above and beyond to help them out. A meeting needs to be arranged with the client so paperwork can be completed prior to the financial



assistance being provided. It can be a long process, especially if Chris feels the need to offer extended comfort to these people too. A meeting isn't always just the time required to complete the paperwork. Chris has a 'heart of gold' and so very compassionate, often spending many hours in the week dedicating time to these clients. Chris also still works, so giving freely of her time to our group is a bonus for Gunnedah Can Assist.

## Carrolline Rhodes [Nambucca Heads]

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"We're Here" is a not-for-profit group started by a small body of community members out of concern regarding the number of young veteran's suicides. The group wanted to show those leaving the Defence Force there was a supportive community they could relocate to in the Nambucca Valley.

Carrolline Rhodes joined the group from its genesis as she is passionate about the welfare of all in the community, including veterans. She is an award-winning author who donated her time and expertise to the group so that a high standard of written materials could be distributed to the benefit of those leaving Defence.

When the RSL subbranches of the Nambucca Valley requested support from the public to develop the Centenary of Anzac commemorations, Carrolline was the first to volunteer. Her ability to write for the Centenary of Anzac and ensure women's perspectives were included was invaluable.

Carrolline is a long-time member of the Nambucca Valley Writers Group and has served on their committee for many years. She has been a selfless mentor and advocate for regional writers and gives her time and expertise freely to support the development of other writers.

Carrolline is also central to a theatre group known as Wyz Wimmin. This year they produced a play with the intent of taking theatre to the people. Presented at three separate regional venues to capacity crowds, they donated their time and expertise free of charge. All proceeds from the production were donated to charity.

## Pat Rogers [Tamworth]

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Pat is a well-known Rural Fire Service member in the Tamworth District who provides crucial support to brigades across Tamworth District and the North-western Area Command with her catering and support services. Pat has been involved with the RFS for 20 years and has been a vital support across fires, floods and supporting training of RFS volunteers.

Pat has been a pillar of the community and is seen as a maternal figure supporting women within the RFS. Despite experiencing adversity for being a woman in the RFS, she has become an important leader in Tamworth District RFS.

## Jennifer Rooke [Tenambit]

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Jenny was born in England and trained as a nurse leaving for Australia in her early twenties. She fell in love with Australia and after doing a range of jobs including working on prawn trawlers and gem hunting, she finally settled in Maitland more than 40 years ago.

She ran a play group in Maitland and when her children were in primary school she volunteered for the P&C and was a stalwart at the school canteen at Maitland school, doing at least two days each week. Driven by her compassion for others she was a very active volunteer in John Howard's gun buy back in 1996, being a leading and vocal advocate for changes to gun laws to make our society safer. More recently Jenny's volunteering has involved supporting environmental groups that focus on slowing climate change and supporting those who are less fortunate than herself.

She has been a volunteer at the local women's refuge, creating and maintaining a productive food garden, she's an active member of the local Landcare group at Earthcare Park, she volunteers at the Slow Food Earth Market Maitland twice a month and cooks for the Maitland region community support where she and another volunteer cook up to 80 meals a fortnight from rescued food. And Jenny always helps with any fundraising for her volunteer organisations. Jenny is an amazing and totally dedicated volunteer, driven by her compassion for others in her desire to leave the world a better place.

## Rosemary Schrader [Tuncurry]

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Rosemary is a pillar of the local community volunteering for 70 years, when she started to volunteer at the age of 14 years old. Rosemary first started to volunteer with the Taree Annual Show Tearooms from 1953. From 1960, she volunteered with Taree Aquatic Festival ticket selling and continued to do so for 33 years. Rosemary was involved with the Pink Ladies Manning Base Hospital between 1970 – 1997 as well as the Taree District Eisteddfod from 1980 – 2000. From 1993, she volunteered with the Taree Horse Race Club.

More recently, Rosemary has been volunteering with the Salvation Army Tuncurry where she knits bags, hats, and finger puppets, as well as donating personal amenities for Christmas boxes to be delivered to children overseas.

## Marie Scott [Merriwa]

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Marie Scott is an incredible community volunteer. She has been Secretary of the Merriwa Show for more than three years. Her role includes organizing the show schedule by securing all the sponsorship and advertisements, sourcing quotes for show entertainment and taking bookings for stallholders. Marie has generously given financial support to various sections of the Merriwa Show over many years. Previously this position has been a paid role, however Marie has generously done this free of charge as a community service.

Marie has been a voluntary supporter of the Helping Hands program which is a network to help our community. She assisted in the successful 'Bugger the Drought' project as well as countless community initiatives, donating prizes, cooking for cake stalls, and selling raffle tickets.

Marie's assistance with the school reading programs has been much appreciated at Saint Joseph's School providing reading support for numerous students during and after school. Marie has always been very active on the schools P & F committee, welcoming new members, and staff.

Marie is also very involved in Saint Anne's Catholic Church service and is a lifetime supporter of the Catholic Parish over many decades. She is especially caring and loyal to her neighbours and friends.

## Amanda Stitt [West Wyalong]

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Amanda was born in West Wyalong and lived on a property near Lake Cowal. She attended school locally. Amanda worked in travel industry and various retail stores in West Wyalong, before re-educating herself at TAFE and working as an Office Manager. She is now a full-time carer but still manages to contribute between 5 and 10 hours a week of volunteer service.

Amanda has been integral in many past events in West Wyalong including fundraisers, Art exhibitions, and was a Founding member of the Christmas crew who for 4 years (2014 to 2017) supplied a free Christmas lunch to make sure no one was alone or hungry at Christmas. Today Amanda opens her home on Christmas Day and invites people on their own to have Christmas lunch.

The Cooinda Waters precinct was Amanda's brainchild where she hoped to promote and encourage family outings on the water, with the help of an NSW State Government Grant her dream has become a reality. Amanda also encourages community spirit by delivering home grown flowers anonymously to random citizens and businesses with the tag "Just Because".

She Continues to promote the Bland Shire with the I love West Wyalong Facebook page she established in 2013 by attending as many local functions as possible, capturing and sharing the event in photos.

Amanda is a quiet achiever with a lifetime of service and dedication to the Bland Shire community. Amanda is also a silent contributor to numerous community events and activities. She is generous in her support to any worthy community cause or in helping a community member in need without ever seeking recognition.

Amanda volunteers because she loves where she lives and wants to give back to the community.

## Valarie Smith [Gresford]

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Valarie Smith has dedicated her life to her family and to her community. She brings an enthusiasm and dedication to every role she takes on and performs them with great distinction. Her service record is outstanding and after over 70 years she remains an inspiration.

As a young 18 year old she joined the Country Women's Association with the Branxton/Greta Branch Younger Set and performed the role of Honorary Secretary and has continued to share her wealth of knowledge of everything to do with the CWA.

In 1957, having married Lyndon Smith she transferred to the local Gresford Branch but remained a member of the Younger Set until it closed in 1959. Family came first for Valarie, and she left the Gresford CWA for a short while to support her Husband on the farm, raise their children and work towards fundraising for activities that were of interest to her children and to the community. In 1992 she re-joined the CWA Gresford and has been a member ever since.

Valarie has dedicated thousands of hours and held many positions at Branch & with the Hunter River Group. Most significant is the role of President 1999–2002 & Secretary 1993–98 & 2022, Treasurer during 2002–06.

The role she cherished most was the International Officer where she loved researching the Country of study. Her displays and in-depth knowledge made for very informative and interesting discussions.

Valarie is a lady of many talents but her lifelong interest in learning to gain meaning and understanding makes her someone everyone want to be around. She is wise, forgiving and always on hand to lend a hand. As an active member and current Hon. Secretary she continues to contribute to the Gresford CWA each day. Her dedication is unquestionable.

## Anne Starr [Langothlin]

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Anne Starr was born to be an amazing star!

She is the only child to parents Heather and Fred to whom community service was part of their everyday life in the Guyra district. From the cradle Anne accompanied her parents to countless local Guyra and regional shows, working bees, meetings, and hundreds of CWA functions.

Anne attended school in Guyra and was always the most willing generous volunteer whatever the event or activity. She established from her early school years a wonderful appreciation of the value and importance of being a volunteer, working with others regularly stepping up and outside of her comfort zone to initiate change for the good of others.

She has agriculture and rural life running through her veins with parents running a very successful Hereford Stud. Young Anne soon took and active role often in the parading judging and winning arena exhibiting prize winning Herefords from the family's prestigious Foxforth Herford Stud.

Following her schooling where she was known as a trailblazer and "girl to watch" she completed her auctioneers accreditation. This in itself was remarkable as this has been a male dominated industry long known as very challenging physically and emotionally suited primarily to men. But Anne was determined and successful becoming one of the few female auctioneers in NSW during early 2000s. With her trademark commitment she very quickly established an enviable reputation as a "Gun with the Gavel", always going above and beyond for her many clients.

To Anne it was never merely a job but being part of the many families' life's that she acted her. She had a stellar 10-year career with Jackson Livestock and was highly regarded all over NSW. Yet another coup came her way when she was elected to the Australian Hereford Society Board in 2004. Naturally she shone with her amazing dedication and knowledge and began a "voluntary career" as respected judge. Anne has travelled throughout the country judging at shows and society competitions and in 2022 was invited to judge at the "Holy Grail " of shows, The Sydney Royal Easter Show were once again she starred on all levels.

Anne was named the Guyra Show girl in early 2000 excelling as a community ambassador. More recently in 2015 she was the key instigator in establishing a younger CWA branch. The Guyra Evening CWA. This has been perhaps her most remarkable achievement from a volunteer resume brimming with successes. This branch has grown to over 30 members and under Anne's presidency has undertaken an enormous amount of community service and events. These include pamper packs during the 2019 drought with close to \$30,000 distributed, Community COVID-19 caring letters in 2021 with 1500 delivered in the Guyra community, women's health events, assisting at all community events from the show to Anzac Day, Monthly markets, Trout Festival, Peony Festival, Christmas markets, Tour de Rocks, arts show, open gardens, and catering.

Anne leads by example, is willing generous and truly a shining star in our community. In every day of Anne's extremely busy life, now fulltime running the family Hereford Stud with her parents, there's at least several hours earmarked for her beloved Guyra community. Anne started to volunteer as she started to walk and now in her 42nd year has given more to her community and region than most do in several lifetimes. Anne is loved, admired, and respected across the widest community demographic and its time she was recognized as the hidden treasure she is.

## Alexandra Stewart [Moonee Beach]

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Alexandra (Ali) attributes her passion for community service to her father, Don, a highly respected police officer. Ali became involved with, and later joined the NSW Rural Fire Service Moonee Brigade in 2018, via her firefighting partner Will, after many years behind the scenes assisting with the Brigade Facebook page. Ali held dual membership with Woolgoolga Brigade and was voted brigade secretary in May 2019 and then Deputy Captain in 2021. Ali prides herself on being able to respond to incidents while co-parenting her three young children.

The 2019/20 bushfires would be the first campaign fires Ali would experience as a firefighter. Whilst off the fire ground she was able to put her community engagement skills to work. With the crew from Hit 105.5 radio station she worked tirelessly to create an online centralised hub for emergency information in the local area, which is still utilised today.

In 2020 Ali was awarded the RFSA presidents' scholarship to undertake studies in an Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management). In 2022, she returned to full membership at Moonee Brigade and currently holds the roles of Deputy Captain, Permit Officer, Brigade Secretary, Junior Member Coordinator and eMembership support. Her passion for community engagement also led to her to create colouring sheets for children, as well as other resources for brigades around the state. Ali recently assisted in the 2022 local flood events.

Ali is a recipient of the Premiers Bushfire Emergency Citation and the National Emergency Medal for her efforts in the 2019/20 bushfires.

## Marjorie Strong [Orange]

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Marjorie Strong grew up in the Blayney and Neville area, went to school in Millthorpe and Orange and then worked in Orange for a pathology company for 48 years. When she retired, she looked around for community activities she could become involved in.

"I'm a single person and I knew I wanted to be part of the community and connect with others". Her search for volunteering opportunities led her to Riding for the Disabled, FoodCare Orange, Wayfinders at NSW Health and the Orange Uniting Church Outreach Hot Meals. She has been volunteering for ten years and some weeks commits 20 hours to volunteering.

Marj didn't want to sit at home doing nothing and would rather be out helping others less fortunate than herself. She's motivated to help others wherever and whenever she can, but says she gets back much more than she gives.

"Through volunteering I have met some wonderful people and formed long lasting friendships". Marj can be found cooking meals to give to the 150 people who come to the Uniting Church on a Saturday night, leading and side walking horses or ponies for children with a disability, guiding visitors around the hospital to the right ward and working in the FoodCare Community Shop.

Marj is a quiet person who gets on with the job and is well respected by others in her team. She has a calm and gentle way with people. Marj believes she doesn't need any attention for the wonderful work she does in the community.



## Rebecca Tribe [Narrabri]

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Rebecca, known as Bec, has been a Rural Fire Service volunteer since joining the Dandry brigade near Coonabaraban in 2000. Bec moved to Dubbo than Narrabri in May 2018 where she joined the Narrabri Brigade.

She quickly become an active member of the brigade and even more quickly gained the admiration of her fellow members. She is a hard-working volunteer for the community and her team. She has taken on many roles including brigade President and Senior Deputy Captain. Bec also become an active member of the Team Support Brigade and developed her communication skills to a specialist level in the community education field.

She has actively participated in numerous community education programs across the area. As with most volunteers, Bec found her workload growing so she encouraged her husband and daughter to join the Service so they could help. Bec also became actively involved in the Rural Fire Service Association and represents us well on their committees.

## Helen Tucker [Glen Innes]

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Helen grew up in Sydney where being part of the wider community was the norm. She spent many hours being part of the Brownies Brigade followed by years in the Girl Guides. This gave her a wonderful upbringing and childhood of working with others.

Helen has pursued an impressive career in adult education always giving her utmost to her students and peers. But it's her amazing commitment to middle eastern dance (belly dancing, tribal and others) over the last 20 years at the Central Coast and Glen Innes since 2020 that makes her a Hidden Treasure.

Helen has conducted hundreds of classes for women of all ages and abilities giving them a unique opportunity to experience friendships through dancing. She is generous to the hilt in securing resources for her students (most becoming friends) including music, costumes, and other dance opportunities. Helen is also aligned with the worldwide "Shimmy Mob" with special choreographed dances but it's just not all dancing it's the commitment to the wider community that is so wonderful and worth of recognition.

Regularly the “Shimmy in the Glen “ Dancers participate in a myriad of community events from Christmas markets, weekly markets, and other events. This takes hours of time and effort by Helen from venues, rosters, information and akin to a women’s care circle checking on all dancers with the ongoing happenings in their lives. She takes a personal interest in all her students and regularly is helping someone in need.

Helen also has been incredibly innovative in supporting the wider community and recognised a need for female “Dignity Bags. For the last 10 years Helen has organised bags and contents (with donations and some sponsors) to the “Share the Dignity” project supported by Bunnings in distribution across the community. In 2022 a record 110 bags were packed and donated to Bunnings Inverell. This is an amazing achievement by Helen supported by some volunteers.

Helen is really a quiet achiever who has been incredibly generous in the community.

## Ruth Van Bezouwen [Muswellbrook]

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Ruth was born in Penrith and grew up as a child in Rooty Hill till she was 19. She worked with Blacktown Council, Nurragingy Reserve and volunteered with the local peninsula bush fire brigade for 4 years whilst working at the Wangi Workers Club.

Ruth has been volunteering with the Hunter Sustainability Landcare team since 2017, where she spends about 1 hour each week completing paperwork as part of her committee duties. She also volunteers for the Penguin Community Garden where, since 2017, she volunteers about 3 hours each week completing garden activities for herself and other volunteers. Ruth is also a regular volunteer at other Council run events such as Clean Up Australia Day, National Tree Day, and other regular events.

Ruth always makes everyone feel welcome and goes above and beyond normal volunteering duties. She is often the first to arrive and the last to leave, helping to set up and pack up. She is certainly a Hidden Treasure in Muswellbrook Shire.

## Abby Watson [Casino]

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Abby started a small kitten and cat rescue to help local stray and abandoned cats. Abby has been running this small rescue for many years now and has helped countless cats and kittens that have been abandoned and surrendered to local pounds. She also assists with the rehoming of animals that the owners can no longer care for. All animals are desexed and vaccinated prior to rehoming. If the cat or kitten is ill Abby will seek vet treatment at her own cost.

Abby is the only cat and kitten rescue in the Richmond Valley area and is often called upon to take animals from the local shelter (pound). It was always a dream of Abby's to start her own rescue. As soon as she was able to set up in her own home, her husband built her a beautiful enclosure so she could fulfill her dream. Without Abby many of our local strays would face the threat of euthanasia. Abby does this without asking for any recognition and she is very modest about her work. It is invaluable to our community.

## Peree Watson [Branxton]

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Peree Watson was born in Branxton and volunteering is in her blood. She is passionate about the community in which she lives and the causes close to her heart. Peree has served as secretary of the Greta Branxton Junior Soccer Club for 5 years, President of the Branxton Playgroup Committee, served on the Greta Branxton Swimming Club Committee, Branxton Tidy Town Committee and the St Brigid's and Rosary Park P&F Fundraising and Canteen committees.

This passion for volunteering over a 20 year period led to a career change to charitable fundraising and events, as she wanted to give back to the community each and every day and achieve the greatest impact for the community possible. She gives her all to these roles and volunteered countless hours at night and on the weekends to the charitable causes she is so passionate about, well beyond the scope of her roles.

Over a 12-year period, the causes and organisations include The Leukaemia Foundation, Hunter Medical Research Institute, Hunter Children's Research Foundation, The Mark Hughes Foundation, Hunter Transplant Research Foundation, the Borne HMRI Collaboration and Got Your Back Sista. She works with the community volunteers, serves on community committees, regularly caters for fundraising events herself when budgets were tight and supports regional and rural communities across NSW to raise funds.

She provides the enthusiasm, supports and skills volunteers needed to achieve their fundraising goals and she gives these volunteers the confidence that their individual efforts can achieve a better future for families and communities. Peree is not only an outstanding volunteer herself but thanks to her vast and various skills and advocacy she has supported and empowered others to also achieve their volunteering goals. Peree is indeed a hidden treasure.

## Clara Way [Berrigan]

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Clara was born in Jerilderie into a well-known family and spent her formative years living within the small communities of Jerilderie, Berrigan, and Finley. Clara married a local and together they raised a family of four. After a short time in a business in Albury, they returned to Berrigan. Running the local café allowed friendships to be formed gave opportunities to community. Clara tirelessly supported the school canteen and the Berrigan Football Club. In 1994 the family bought the Jerilderie Newsagency which they ran for eighteen years. Clara has been a member of the Jerilderie Chamber of Commerce included her six-year stint as secretary. Perhaps her proudest community achievement was her involvement with the Tidy Towns program. During her ten years of her presidency Jerilderie town was a recipient of several state awards. Health challenges saw the couple retire to Berrigan in 2012.

Clara immediately became a member of Berrigan Tidy Towns committee. Clara was successful in obtaining several grants, resulting in the "Don't Be a Tosser" town signs and waste bags, Garbage Bins for the Sportsground waste management and the Railway Walking Track and gate programs. Led by Clara, Berrigan received second place when entered the tidy towns' competition. Clara is also a big supporter of the tidy town clean up days.

2017 Clara led a group towards the establishment of a Community Garden, which came to fruition the following year. This initiative continues to be a resounding success. Berrigan enthusiasts meet at the gardens twice weekly, and Clara spends extra hours ensuring the gardens are well looked after. Friendships are formed, new residents meet locals and a garden update, written by Clara, is placed in the local paper.

The Berrigan Heritage Museum values the volunteer hours Clara gives. Her latest project is researching returned servicemen history to present at a Cemetery Walk program being planned. An active member of the Aged Care Auxiliary. Clara has been a cosmetic carer for residents in the Aged Community.

Clara supports her community and volunteers to make life better for all who live in it.

## Julie Wilkins [North Star]

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Julie grew up in Victoria and spent most of her life there, engaged in business and retail employment, several in management positions, whilst also parenting her son and now two grandchildren.

A move to northern NSW to assist her brother as a wildlife carer, was our communities gain. Since then, 20 years ago, Julie has spent many voluntary hours rehabilitating injured or abandoned wallabies and kangaroos. A wonderful gift of selfless service. Julie joined the CWA North Star branch in 2019. We welcomed her warmly and could see in her a generous heart, an intelligent diverse thinking mind, and a willingness to assist others. A true Hidden Treasure.

2 years as the branch Agriculture and Environment officer - trophies were lovely rewards for her succinct and interesting annual reports for the Gwydir group. Julie is now branch treasurer who will no doubt be a great business asset to the branch. Two blue painted trees stand in North Star Park, testament to the R U OK campaign organised by Julie. Julie is a true community gem.

## Sharee Witney [Merriwa]

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Sharee Witney is a registered nurse and practise manager. She leads a team of caring, dedicated, and professional staff and plays an integral role in patient care, treatment and support ensuring all her patients are comfortable and informed and leave the surgery after providing a high standard of care.

Sharee is experienced in a wide range of nursing fields bringing a holistic approach to patient care. She also displays an extensive knowledge of integrating patient care with community services. Sharee has always shown self-motivation, and this was demonstrated over the past few months as she organised vaccination clinics for COVID 19 immunisations, ordering stock such as vaccines, needles, and associated equipment, allocating appointments and ensuring all paperwork was processed.

Sharee worked tirelessly organising weekend clinics, as well as keeping up the everyday surgery appointments.

Sharee has gone above and beyond in her duties as a practice nurse and vaccinated over 1000 residents. She is a great practice nurse, sets a good example, works hard, and shows kindness to all. She has been driven to vaccinate as many people as she can to keep our town safe and free from COVID 19 and is to be commended for her dedication to the Merriwa community, for service above and beyond and her wonderful compassion to all.

## Judy Woods [Boggabilla]

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What a dynamo of a lady, community advocate, food expert and citizen. The most amazing smile and vivacious personality is what you notice first when you meet Judy. She has two brothers and a sister, who, like her were inspired by many mentors and parents. Judy spoke fondly of their early influence and inspiring examples to many in the small rural village and district of North Star, northern NSW.

Judy has spent most of her life in rural areas, appreciating all the bush and what its people are. An intriguing adventurous time overseas taught her much and gave her an appreciation for Australia. A community gardens project instigated by some concerned innovative citizen approached Judy to sell some of their produce in her Woodsy's Real Food store. Food retailing in its natural state, a great compliment to her hospitality skills. She is a trained chef.

Since then, Judy has been president of the Community gardens committee, it's treasurer and on the ground, volunteer. Her awareness of health, plants food and her desire to motivate and empower others has been utilised well within the community gardens committee. Volunteers and Centrelink clients are positively influenced by Judy's vision and diverse skill set. Judy is passionate about helping others through the gardens project. Countless people have benefitted, been encouraged to succeed, and grow as people. Add to that the practical skills gained by working alongside a great human, energetic community advocate, whose fulfillment is clearly gained by doing, being and sharing.

# Volunteer agencies

Volunteers make an extraordinary contribution to Australian society. They are the lifeblood of our community and come from all walks of life. They are working people, students and professionals; they are young people and retirees. They come from every suburb and community and from a variety of cultural, educational and religious backgrounds.

Volunteering is a chance to give something back to the community—to use your skills and experience to make a difference in the lives of people who need assistance the most. For others, it is a chance to develop new skills and experience in a supportive environment.

The following contacts are for key agencies and groups represented in the nominees profiles.

## **Action4Agriculture**

[action4agriculture.com.au](http://action4agriculture.com.au)

## **AFL North Coast**

[aflnorthcoast.com.au](http://aflnorthcoast.com.au)

## **Albury Wodonga Multicultural Community Events**

[facebook.com/save.culture.au](https://facebook.com/save.culture.au)

## **Berrigan Heritage Museum Committee Inc.**

[facebook.com/  
BerriganHeritageMuseum](https://facebook.com/BerriganHeritageMuseum)

## **Berrigan Uniting Church**

## **Can Assist**

[canassist.org.au](http://canassist.org.au)

## **Coleambally Lions Club**

[lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

## **Country Women's Association of NSW**

[cwaofnsw.org.au](http://cwaofnsw.org.au)

## **Curvy Girls**

[curvygirlsscoliosis.com](http://curvygirlsscoliosis.com)

## **FoodCare Orange**

[foodcareorange.org.au](http://foodcareorange.org.au)

## **Girl Guides**

[girlguides.org.au](http://girlguides.org.au)

## **Goondiwindi Community Gardens**

[facebook.com/goondiwindiand  
districtcommunitygarden](https://facebook.com/goondiwindianddistrictcommunitygarden)



**Goulburn Cycle Club**

[goulburncycleclub.com.au](http://goulburncycleclub.com.au)

**Goulburn Garden Club**

[goulburngardenclub.org.au](http://goulburngardenclub.org.au)

**Goulburn Legacy**

[legacy.com.au](http://legacy.com.au)

**Greta Branxton Junior Soccer Club**

[gretabranxtonfc.com.au](http://gretabranxtonfc.com.au)

**Hart Community Services**

[hartservices.org.au](http://hartservices.org.au)

**I Love West Wyalong**

[facebook.com/Illovewestwyalong](https://facebook.com/Illovewestwyalong)

**Kempsey Rugby Union**

[australia.rugby](http://australia.rugby)

**LandCare**

[landcareaustralia.org.au](http://landcareaustralia.org.au)

**Legacy**

[legacy.com.au](http://legacy.com.au)

**Little Gems Kitty Rescue**

[littlegemskittyrescue.weebly.com](http://littlegemskittyrescue.weebly.com)

**Manning River Rugby Club**

[facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/Manningriverratsrugby)

[Manningriverratsrugby](https://facebook.com/Manningriverratsrugby)

**Merriwa Holy Trinity Church****Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary****Merriwa Show Committee****Nana Glen Memorial Hall  
Committee****NSW Cancer Council**

[cancercouncil.com.au](http://cancercouncil.com.au)

**NSW Rural Fire Service**

[rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://rfs.nsw.gov.au)

**NSW State Emergency Service**

[ses.nsw.gov.au](http://ses.nsw.gov.au)

**Pink Ladies Manning Base  
Hospital****Qurindi Care Services**

[quirindicareservices.com.au](http://quirindicareservices.com.au)

**Rainbow Shoelace Project**

[rainbowshoelaceproject.com.au/](http://rainbowshoelaceproject.com.au/)

**Rankins Springs and District War  
Memorial Hall**

[facebook.com/rankinsspringshall](https://facebook.com/rankinsspringshall)

**Red Cross Emergency Services**

[redcross.org.au](http://redcross.org.au)

### **Scouts**

[joinscouts.com.au](https://joinscouts.com.au)

### **Shimmy in the Glen**

[facebook.com/shimmyintheglen](https://facebook.com/shimmyintheglen)

### **Terrigal Surf Lifesaving Club**

[terrighalsurfclub.com.au/site](https://terrighalsurfclub.com.au/site)

### **The Nurtured Village**

[thenurturedvillage.org](https://thenurturedvillage.org)

### **U3A**

[nsw.u3anet.org.au](https://nsw.u3anet.org.au)

### **The Vilomah Community**

[vilomahcommunity.com](https://vilomahcommunity.com)

### **Wauchope/Port Macquarie Riding for the Disabled**

[rdansw.org.au](https://rdansw.org.au)

### **Wellington Amateur Theatrical Society**

[facebook.com/people/Wellington-  
Amateur-Theatrical-Society-  
Inc/100078707487373/](https://facebook.com/people/Wellington-Amateur-Theatrical-Society-Inc/100078707487373/)

### **Women on Fire**

### **Zonta Club of Tamworth**

[zonta.org](https://zonta.org)



# Honour Roll **2010–2020**

## 2010

Alison Banks, Orange  
Clarice Beileiter, Tarago  
Jan Bof, Goulburn  
Prudence Carpenter, Bowral  
Carla Cowles, Mt Hope  
Maria Curtis, Tamworth  
Pauline Davidson, Milvale  
Robyne Davis, Tamworth  
Colleen Day, Goulburn  
Alvena Ferguson, Laurieton  
Lisa Foley, Estella  
Shareen Gleeson, Queanbeyan  
Michel Harboud, Kangaroo Creek  
Shirley Johnston, Bourke  
Kerry Jolley, Lismore  
Robyn Kensit, Crookwell  
Sylvia Kilroy, Woodburn  
Tina Kipp, Albury  
Yvonne MacRae, Orange  
Kay Martin, Mt Lambie  
Leah Masters, East Maitland  
Betty McCabe, Barmedman  
Thalia McPherson, MacLean  
Kerry Palmer, Dubbo  
Veronica Pansaru, Kingscliff  
Sonia (Aunty Sony) Piper, Brungle  
Carol Purnell, Kingscliff  
Marsha Reilly, Wagga Wagga  
Jan Roberts, Wagga Wagga  
Audrey Robinson, Yamba

Lynne Robinson, Botobolar  
Fiona Rossiter, Orange  
Beryl Seears, Cooma  
Colleen Smith, Deepwater  
Peggy Smith, Quirindi  
Sharon Snelson, Cobar  
Lynne Strong, Jamberoo  
Lorraine Thomas, Wagga Wagga  
Cheryl Vines, Curlwaa  
Vivien Ware, Junction Hill  
Amanda Woodhouse, Berridale  
Breanda Writer, Goulburn

## 2011

Jo Allen, Nowra  
Shanelle Anderson, Jerrys Plains  
Eleanor Armstrong, Orange  
Joyce Bailey, Rylstone  
Lynn Baker, Bingara  
Leanne Barrett, Gloucester  
Deb Batchelor, Gunnedah  
Denise Beu, Nowra Hill  
Rae Bicknell, Yass  
Constance Binks, Mittagong  
Penny Boydell, Moree  
Joan Bray, Kangaroo Valley  
Annette Bromfield, Yetholme  
Helen Brown, Suffolk Park  
Martha Brown, Orange  
Gail Butt, Monteagle  
Rosemary Byers, Ashley

Felicity Cahill, Drake  
Jenny Callanan, Callala Bay  
Judy Clark, Cessnock  
Norma Clarke, Cootamundra  
Sister Mary Clement, Mudgee  
Jean Coady, Tamworth  
Joan Compagnoni, Robertson  
Audree Dash, Terrigal  
Kate Davis, Dubbo  
Cathryn Dawes, Pomona  
Frances Day, Lockhart  
Marilyn Dixon, Bingara  
Susanne Dixon, Kelso  
Jeanette Dodge, Kiama  
Dorothy Every, Ben Lomond  
Annette Fisher, Gulargambone  
Kelly Foran, Boggabri  
Gwen Frazier, Wagga Wagga  
Colleen Fuller, Gunnedah  
Rhonda Gallagher, Moree  
Helen Gee, Armidale  
May Gill, Kempsey  
Leila Gillies, Werris Creek  
May Goodear, Howlong  
Paula Gray, Gooloogong  
Anna Habeck, Kiama  
Joan Harvey, Ulladulla  
Anne Hastings, Grafton  
Gail Hayden, Orange  
Noeleen Hazell, Bookham  
Elaine Heskett, Mossy Point

Julie Ho, Port Macquarie  
Marie Hoffmann, Table Top  
Nola Honeysett, Dubbo  
Sharon Howden Howett, Gunnedah  
Wendy Huddleston, Armidale  
Wendy Hughes, Gloucester  
Laurel Hull, Forbes  
Sharon Huon, Cobar  
Noeleen Iffland, Orange  
Janette Jackson, Lovedale  
Dominique Jacobs, Gloucester  
Daphne Jermyn, Cobar  
Judy Jones, Orange  
Phyllis Jones, Hay  
Tracey Jones, Tumut  
Margaret Kay, Tweed Heads  
Annie Kelly, Orange  
Michelle Kendall, Dubbo  
Jeanette Kennedy, Ballina  
Jessie Kincaid, Jindera  
Rita Kurtz, Mudgee  
Marcia LeBusque, Fortis Creek  
Lynda Leslie, Maclean  
Sue Litchfield, Numeralla  
June Luscombe, Kangaroo Valley  
Raewyn Macky, Yarranbella  
Margaret Maguire, Forbes  
Elizabeth Markey, Coonamble  
Prue McCarthy, Orange  
Betty McDonald, Lidster  
Nicola McDonald, Dorrigo

Robynne McGinley, Macksville  
Julie McLachlan, Pallamallawa  
Margaret McNeil, Holbrook  
Marilyn McPherson, Holbrook  
Joyce Moore, Grafton  
Chris Moss, Spring Ridge  
Jean Muggleton, Inverell  
Virginia Mulcahy, Scone  
Margaret Norris, Orange  
Ruth Offer, Tenterfield  
Winifred Oslear, Willow Vale  
Brenda Pankhurst, Bingara  
Margaret Parslow, Griffith  
Julie Peck, Orange  
Charmaine Potter, Yetman  
Jean Preston, Delegate  
Betti Punnett, Cootamundra  
Norma Raymond, Sanctuary Point  
Robyn Reynolds, Pambula  
Marie Rheinberger, Yamba  
Carolyn Rice, Parkes  
Linda Riley, Mungindi  
Kimberley Rixon, Gunnedah  
Gill Robinson, Michelago  
Pippa Robinson, Tibbuc  
June Rollan, Long Flat  
Shirley Rundell, Huskisson  
Skye Rush, Narromine  
Jenny Sams, Orange  
Sandra Scammell Hill, Howlong  
Bev Schornegg, Adaminaby

Beryl Semmler, Holbrook  
Leonie Sinclair, Culburra Beach  
Tricia Stack, Deepwater  
Kym Stanford, Mungindi  
Barbara Steffensen, Lismore  
June Stevens, Nowra  
Dorothy Sullivan, Casino  
Loo Taylor, Beaumont  
Susanne Taylor, Woollamia  
Bev Thornton, Willow Tree  
Coral Tierney, Holsworthy  
Ellen Townsend, Hay  
Helen Trustum, Bentley  
June Tupper, Orange  
Joan Turnbull, Lakewood  
Fay Turner, Yetholme  
Velma Walker, Vincentia  
Shirley Waller, Kings Creek  
Tracey Walton, Wauchope  
Catherine Warburton, Beneree  
Lyn Webster, Nyngan  
Sandra Webster, Bomaderry  
Norma White, Kingstown  
Hazel Winkler, Orange  
Betty Winzer, Holbrook  
Lois Wood, Goulburn  
Marj Wotherspoon, Kurri Kurri  
Sarah Wren, Quirindi  
Helen Wynd, Goonellabah  
Berenice Youngman, Molong

## 2012

Jacque Abbott, Tichborne  
Virginia Anderson, Balickera  
Marie Bartlett, Gloucester  
Erica Barwell, Uralla  
Pam Bothwell, Cessnock  
Lorraine Bruce, Wards River  
Trudy Burgess, Bega  
Dorothy Burns, Copmanhurst  
Stephanie Cameron, Tamworth  
Hazel Camerson, Walcha  
Margaret Campbell, West Kempsey  
Valerie Cannon, Peak Hill  
Rebecca Caslick, Murrurundi  
Dot Cattell, Inverell  
Fay Cone, Stewarts Brook  
Marie Constable, Tamworth  
Carolyn Cornell, Forbes  
Rhonda Death, Walcha  
Dianne Decker, Forbes  
Lorraine Dunkley, Lyndhurst  
Joy Eagle, Barham  
Lorraine Eckersley, South Tamworth  
Lee Estens, Moree  
Norma Everett, Gloucester  
Di Fellows, Myrtle Creek  
Kylie Galbraith, Quirindi  
Norma Garment, Parkes  
Elaine Gilboy Towner, Armidale  
Robyn Gill, Lovedale  
Sharon Griffiths, Redbank

Beth Hamilton, [Inverell  
Lyn Heidtmann, Adaminaby  
Julie Heiler, Boggabri  
Pam Hewitt, Boguee  
Maureen Hickson, Moree  
Marjorie Hill, Hillston  
Cynthia Homes, Grenwell Point  
Mhora Houston, Weemelah  
Lee-Anne Hughston, Wanaaring  
Gillian James, Wollombi  
Denise Jelbart, Forbes  
Bronnie Johnson, Murrurundi  
Marjorie Johnson, Eungai Creek  
Patricia Johnson, Hillston  
Gail Johnston, Woodberry  
Pix Jonasson, Port Macquarie  
Lois Judd, Adaminaby  
Anne Kennedy, Coonamble  
Margaret Kiehne, Dundee  
Carmel La Rocca, Griffith  
Lynne Lahey, Wattle Flat  
Catherine Lane, Griffith  
Narelle Langfield, Tamworth  
Helen Langham, Blayney  
Pamela Lees, Gunning  
Cheryl Lewin, Alstonville  
Margaret Livermore, Manildra  
Raewyn Macky, Yarranbella  
Marj Manuel, Inverell  
Helen Marsh, Bathurst  
Beth Masterman OAM, Pelaw Main

Liz Mathews, Parkes  
Helen McClelland, Abermain  
Heather McCloy, Kyogle  
Gail Meyers, Gilgandra  
Jan Miller, Baradine  
Thelma Mitchell, Hillston  
Bette Montgomery, Moree  
Barbara Moore, Gleniffer  
Sharyn Munro, Upper Hunter  
Rosemary Nankivell, Quirindi  
Joanna Newton, Armidale  
Jacqui Page, Bowral  
Pamela Pavey, Tamworth  
Marlene Pennings, The Entrance  
Noelene Phillips, Bathurst  
Shalini Pratap, Tamworth  
Joyce Purtle, Linburn  
Michele Quigley, Forbes  
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Joan Redfern, Coonabarabran  
Janine Reed, Utungun  
Katrina Rendell, Barrington  
Barbara Roach, Gwandlan  
Marjorie Robertson, Armidale  
Patricia Rodd, Tumut  
Del Ross, Ardglenn  
Judy Ruge, Forbes  
Shirley Russell, Lyndhurst  
Kerryn Ryan, Coonamble  
Betty Scanlon, Hillston

Emma Scholz, Culcairn  
Yvonne Shaw, Forbes  
Daphne Simmons, Kelso  
Juidith Simos, Scone  
Margaret Sivyler OAM, East Gresford  
Joyce Skinner, Coraki  
Linda Squire, Adaminaby  
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Sue Steele, South Grafton  
Marie Steer, Berrigan  
Marnie Stewart, Cooma  
Valmai Sullivan, Largs  
Kate Thompson, Gooloogong  
Michelle Thornley, St Georges Basin  
Cheryl Timmins, Croppa Creek  
Janelle Tongue, Loomberah  
Joan Treweeke, Angledool  
Sheila Turnbull, Cessnock  
Hilary Turner, Willow Tree  
Louise Turner, Willow Tree  
Henny Wagenaar, Ourimbah  
Lyn Wallin, North Nowra  
Marjorie Ward, Merriwa  
Wendy Wedge, Bowraville  
Nicole Wells, Cabarita Beach  
Catherine Westley, Wellington  
Coral White, Elsmore  
Wendy Wilcox, Portland  
Jennie Wilkinson, Bolwarra  
Mary Wood, Hillston  
Shirley Wood, Leeton



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Vicki Woods, Largs  
Pam Youman, Guyra

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Dorothy Ambrose, Corowa  
Danielle Anderson, Wellington  
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Beryl Bates, Grampion Hills  
Margaret Baxter, Bogee  
Helen Bennett, Tinonee  
Ali Bigg, Port Macquarie  
Rebel Black, Lightning Ridge  
Sue-Ann Bramich, Tumbarumba  
Aunty Muriel Burns, Maclean  
Robin Butler, Ulladulla  
Carolyn Carter, Mylestom  
Boudicca Cerese, Lismore  
Joanne Chaffey, Brunswick Heads  
Nicola Chirlan, Willow Tree  
Shannan Clark, Stuart Town  
Kellye-Anne Coleman, Temora  
Noni Collins, Port Macquarie  
Robyn Coombes, Beechwood  
Carol Cornish, Orange  
Temple Cornish, Orange  
Leanne Croker, Rugby  
Bettina Cummins, Scone  
Corina Deneve, Numbugga  
Marion Dickins, Berrigan  
Jane Dunn, Harrington

Joy Dwight, Morongla  
Gladys Eldridge, Nyngan  
Elsie (Joan) Evans, Cobar  
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Marlene Farrell, Orange  
Pat Fitzpatrick, Orange  
Margaret Flannery, Dungog  
Anne-Maree Fohrman, Albion Park  
Wendy Forsyth, Croppa Creek  
Amy Hart, Peak Hill  
Ann-Maree Hartley, Dubbo  
Joy Hogan, South Grafton  
Nola Honeysett, Dubbo  
Christine Hooper, Goodooga  
Pix Jonasson, Port Macquarie  
Lyn Jupp, Gresford  
Anne Kingston, Lowesdale  
Megan Kuhn, Bundella  
Sarah Last, Muttama  
Jay Leigh, Young  
Julie Lorimer, Gloucester  
Kim Manton, Wagga Wagga  
Merylin Mason, Stuarts Point  
Jessie McFarlane, Tenterfield  
Robynne McGinley, Macksville  
Fiona Miron, Armidale  
Jill Mitchell, Bathurst  
Lorraine Montgomery, Berry  
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Charlotte Orchard, Wongarbron  
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Lynda Petty, Tumblong  
Pauline Plant, Yamba  
Gwen Porter, Harrington  
Louella Poulsen, Port Macquarie  
Donna Pumpa, Nyngan  
Elaine Robinson, Mullumbimby  
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Mary Saxon, Tamworth  
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Ann Schneider, Billinudgel  
Sue Schneider, Osborne  
Edna Sharp, Orange  
Penelope Sheppard, Coleambally  
Norelle Smith, Coolamon  
Elizabeth (Betty) Somers, Parkes  
Tennille Stapleton, Harwood  
Mollie Strong, Byron Bay  
Catherine (Lucy) Sweeney, Jerilderie  
Sue Szumowski, Inverell  
Jodie Thomas, Temora  
Rebecca Thompson, Greenwell Point  
Ruth Thompson, Greenwell Point  
Sarah Thompson, Merriwa  
Bev Thorpe, Sanctuary Point  
Pamela Toovey, Mudgee  
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Wendy Wedge, Bowraville  
Kim Weller, Yanco

Sandy Wells, Collombatti  
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Zelma Windley, Chinderah  
Judith (Judie) Winter, Eucumbene Cove  
Irene Worth, Bulahdelah

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Norma Allen, Cobargo  
Val Anderson, Broken Hill  
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Joyce Bell OAM, Yamba  
Daphne Betts, Cobar  
Mary Beven, Broken Hill  
Daphne Biggs, Menindee  
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Shelley Boyce, Bowral  
Hazel Bridgett, Rous Mill  
Valmai Brill, Ganmain  
Barbara Brown, Tenterfield  
Beth Brown, Narrabri

Linda Bruce, Glen Innes  
Carol Bryant, Mudgee  
Annette Byrne, Broken Hill  
Anne Caldwell, Congarinni  
Susie Cay, Corowa  
Cheryl Chalker, Taralga  
Susan Collings, Merriwa  
Marie Coombe, Broken Hill  
Anna Corby, Nyngan  
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Lynette Cregan, Glen Innes  
Doreen Cupitt, Iluka  
Barbara Cuthbert, Tatton  
Gay Daley, Parkes  
Christine Dedobelaar, Parkes  
Myra Dempster, Broken Hill  
Shirley Donald, Glen Innes  
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Coral Ford, Broken Hill  
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Val Foster, Murwillumbah  
Lynne Gall, Broken Hill  
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Jodie Greenhalgh, Eugowra  
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June Henderson, Orange  
Wilma Hepburn, Forbes  
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Leisa Hoffman, Ballina  
Naomi Hogan, Hamilton  
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Kath Howard, Murrurundi  
Jamilla Hume, Broken Hill  
Marilyn Jennings, Coolamon  
Christina Johansson, Narrabri  
Sue Jurd, Tenterfield  
Katherine Kennedy, Adaminaby  
Raelene Kennewell, Broken Hill  
Gwen Kent, Tuckombil  
Rae Lalor, Ulladulla  
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Thelma Ryan OAM, Berrigan  
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Gwen Shawcross, Anglers Reach  
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Pat Tate, Wootton  
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Susan Tomkins, Orange  
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Margaret Wilson, Broken Hill  
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Renae Worboys, Cootamundra  
Nellie Workman, Kurri Kurri  
Judith Wright, Bellbird

## 2015

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Carolyn Bellman, Croppa Creek  
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Kay Bolton, Fingal Head  
Vanessa Bourne, Tamworth  
Catherine Boyd, South Tweed Heads  
Sherryl Broderick, Crookwell  
Lesley Callcott, Tamworth  
Katrine Capps, Cowra  
Caron Casey, Goulburn  
Gail Clarke, Nimbin  
Peg Clifton, Forbes  
Dianne Collier, Tweed Heads  
Linda Cook, Coramba  
Rae Cooper, Byron Bay  
Trudy Cooper, Deepwater  
Jayne Cronin, Merriwa

Francis Crown, Canyonleigh  
Beryl Currie, Kyogle  
Anne Davies, Scone  
Jean Davies, Murrurundi  
Joyce Davies, Ulmarra  
Kathleen Davies, Lavadia  
Megan Davies, Narrabri  
Amorelle Dempster, Maitland  
Nancy Dimech, Picton  
Angela Doering, Crooble  
Betty Dunn, Tamworth  
Elisabeth Edwards, Coffs Harbour  
Joyce Edwards, South West Rocks  
Elizabeth Ellis, Penrose  
Carolyn Farrow, Murrurundi  
Roxayne Felton, Coramba  
Helen Fenning, Buxton  
Judith Fountain, Crookwell  
Narelle Fuller, South Kempsey  
Trish Galloway, Wagga Wagga  
Jo Gibson, Ellalong  
Sally Harris, Willow Tree  
Janice Haynes, Howlong  
Julie Herridge, Forbes  
Annamaria Hctor, Mollymook  
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Anne Hopwood OAM, Orange  
Betty Hopwood, East Kempsey  
Coleen Houston OAM, Hay  
Beverly Hughes, Narrandera  
Cheryl Hunter, St Georges Basin

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 Carole Johnston, Aberdeen  
 Margaret Jopling, Aldavilla  
 Carole Keast, Tweed Heads South  
 Anne Kelly, East Maitland  
 Joy Kim, Woongarra  
 Muriel King, Scone  
 Patricia Lawler, Lightning Ridge  
 Laurel Leabeater, Lyndhurst  
 Susan Lewis, Scone  
 Yvonne Lightfood, Glen Innes  
 Kathleen Lonergan, Cootamundra  
 Peta Luke, Merriwa  
 Heather Mann, Forbes  
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 Joan McNaughton, Cessnock  
 Myra McPhie, Berridale  
 Pamela McRae, Suffolk Park  
 Katrina Moffat, Forster  
 Leisa Moody, Binda  
 Helen Mortimore, Bathurst  
 Erica Nelson, Port Macquarie  
 Kylie Parry, Coonamble  
 Gillian Paterson, Murrurundi  
 Nikki Patten, Forbes  
 Elizabeth Philpott, Boambee East  
 Jean Price, Merriwa  
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 Elizabeth Ross-Ward, Tamworth  
 Ann Sansom, Gloucester  
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 Janine Slater, Ocean Shores  
 Carol Stanley, Coonamble  
 Paula Starkey, Coraki  
 Genevieve Starr, Dalton  
 Sylvia Stevens, Narrandera  
 Dawn Studdert, Dungog  
 Rikki Toi, Coraki  
 Liesel Turnbull, St Georges Basin  
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 Margaret Whatman, Glenquarry  
 Sue White, Wagga Wagga  
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 Elizabeth Wilson, Berrigan  
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 Kym Wooding, Hay  
 Maree Yapp, Forbes  
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 Beverley Belt, Tamworth

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Eleanor Blows, Broken Hill  
Natalie Bramble, Dubbo  
Fay Brandon, Nowra  
Christine Bryant, Repton  
Marea Buist, Yamba  
Kay Burton, Springwood  
Amelia Butler, Broken Hill  
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