

# CWA judge Spencer a worthy OAM winner

Around the branches

Country Women's Association

CONGRATULATIONS to Bathurst's Spencer Harvey for receiving an OAM in the Australia Day wards.

Spencer has been a long-term judge for the CWA public speaking competition. His wisdom, personality and commitments to children is greatly appreciated.

He has also assisted with the annual Golden Jubilee scholarship awards.

The central west branch of the Rural Women's Access Group (RWAGS) will hold their first meeting for 2014 on February 18 at 10am in the Community Health Centre, Kite Street, Orange.

The guest speaker will be Dr Stuart Porges and the topic for discussion will be breast cancer.

All community members are invited to attend. If you are interested in learning more or becoming involved contact Margaret Brown, 6366 8486 or email [margiebrown4@bigpond.com](mailto:margiebrown4@bigpond.com).

Group international officer Wendy Carey reports that all branches will receive their package about the international school competition at the central western group meeting on March 10.

Please note this is a change to procedure as in the past these packages were posted to branch international officers.

Members are reminded that the central western group are catering for a trade fair on February 27 at the Orange Function Centre.

All volunteers are reminded of the arrangements. Those on the sandwich making team are required at 10am. Many others are contributing by baking bulk quantities of savoury finger foods or slices.

Those assisting with evening serving are required between 7pm-8.30pm.

All together there are three shifts. If you need to confirm arrangements, want to assist or have any queries contact Margaret Brown or Helana Donaldson

On Monday, March 10, the first central west group meeting for 2014 will be at Orange CWA rooms at Robertson Park at 9am.

Each branch is required to bring their list of public speaking volunteers and their contact details for the public speaking competition at All Saints College, Bathurst, on Wednesday, May 28, or reply by email.

The group land cookery contest and judging will be on March 7 at Orange CWA at 8.30am. Entries close on February 25.

The contest is open to all, including non CWA members. There is also sections for children and cookery ranges from baking to jams and relishes. There is 11 sections to enter, with a total of \$3500 in prizes up for grabs.

Contact your branch cookery officer for a copy of the schedule. Entry fees and funds raised from the sale of the cakes help to support the community work of the CWA.

Orange branch recently received the

exciting news that they have been granted a community building partnership grant of \$10,000, which goes towards the refurbishment of the CWA rooms in Robertson Park.

The grant is for maintenance, renovation and refurbishment of the existing 60-year-old hall. It will provide improvements in plumbing, drainage and weather proofing, upgrade of safety provisions, the addition of fire window treatments and refurbishment of the front façade and entrance.

Millthorpe branch held their first meeting of the year on Tuesday.

Prior to the meeting participants had lunch at The Old Mill Café and Restaurant. The event was used to welcome in the new CWA year.

Nashdale Branch held a highly successful Christmas luncheon at Kelly's Hotel in December.

Appreciation to Gail Hayden, their hard-working president for organising this event. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12 at a new time of 11am, in the Nashdale - Lidster Hall.

The cookery competition this month will have an Australia Day theme, with a round damper. The monthly competition will be the most extraordinary dictionary. Members are reminded to bring along handicraft items for the stall in March.

Bathurst branch is planning a special celebration to commemorate their 90th birthday on March 22.

We look forward to several other branches in the central western group celebrating their 90th birthdays this year.

Byng Emu Swamp's next meeting will be on February 12 at 6pm.

It will be at Lake Canobolas with special guest fly fishing instructor Peter Kasper. A communal picnic and meeting will be held following the fly fishing fun. The wet weather venue will be 7 Kable Place, Orange.

**Important dates to remember:**

■ **Monday, March 3:**

Central west group handicraft judging at Orange CWA rooms at Robertson Park at 8.30am for 9am judging. Handicraft exhibition and trading table at Orange Civic Centre foyer.

■ **Friday March 7:** Judging for the central west group annual land cooking contest at Orange CWA rooms, Robertson Park, 8.30am for 9am start. Schedule are available for your cookery branch officer.

■ **Monday March 10:**

First central west group meeting for 2014 at Orange CWA rooms, Robertson Park, 9am for a 9.30am start.

## Bowlers hit the mark

A STRAIGHT aim was rewarded when the Friday league tenpin bowlers held their end-of-season presentation night at the Orange Ex-Services' Club.

League secretary Bev Hawkey said the team of Shontane and Matthew Harris and Natalie Warn won the competition.

Second place went to the Three Torments team and third were the Pirates.

If you would like to join the fun contact Orange Tenpin Bowl.

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Matthew Lawson, Jeromie Zelukovic and Damien Barrett. 0201sgbowl3



Michael Dunworth and Louise Hawkey. 0201sgbowl1



Jace and Tyran Bishop. 0201sgbowl4



Donna Holland, Ross King, Craig Woodley and Matthew Carroll. 0201sgbowl2

## Intimate experience

ANYONE looking for a romantic way to spend Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14, should head to Jonathon's Restaurant at the Ibis Styles Orange motel on Bathurst Road.

Diners will be able to enjoy a range of good-quality meals, prepared by the Ibis' two Nepalese chefs.

The intimate dining room, which seats around 50 people, is the perfect place to take your sweetheart.

According to Shane Dowsett, who owns the Ibis with his wife Zoe, there are a number of dishes that have proved

particularly popular with restaurant-goers including the Surf and Turf and the Tasmanian Salmon.

"The garlic bread is also very popular," he said.

"When it comes to desert the chocolate mud cake and citrus tart are also favourites."

Anyone who wishes to turn the evening into a really special event is invited to spend the night in one of the Ibis' motel rooms which are spacious, clean and comfortable.

Guests who decide to dine and stay at the Ibis will be offered a 10 per cent discount on the cost of their room.



ROMANTIC BREAK: Chefs Sagar Sapkota and Nirmal Niure at Jonathon's Restaurant. Photo: STEVE GOSCH.

*A romantic meal for Valentine's Day*

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*Jonathon's Restaurant*

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