

SHN FOR 15th OCTOBER 2018 "LOCAL LEADERS"

FESTIVAL DAYS A CWA CULTURAL TREAT

How does one define Cultural activities that are part of our everyday lives? The range of answers will include visiting museums and art galleries, listening to speakers on an enormous range of topics, attending theatre and the cinema, participating in choirs and orchestra, art and craft, open garden visiting, book clubs.

Each year the CWA Groups have Cultural Days, and the Wollondilly Group has given this day the name Festival Day. Festival Day was held on 5th September in Kiama. This year it was hosted by Jamberoo and Kiama Branches. The program included choral items, poetry readings, and little plays which had been written by members.

In 1966, the CWA of NSW formed a Cultural Committee. It was considered that CWA should play a part in conserving the heritage of humanity. From those days this has grown to be a large variety of activities including also, current affairs discussions, even the study of architecture and design. There are competitions for CWA members in the areas of Art, photography, china painting, poetry and story writing.

The State Cultural Committee celebrates an annual "Woman of Note", with nominations from the branches. The criteria being that it must be a woman who was Australian or who had lived the majority of her life in Australia. For 2018, this was Annette Kellerman who died in 1975 - a professional swimmer, vaudeville actress and writer. The State Cultural Committee also sponsors a musically talented child from remote NSW, who has been selected for the Moorambilla Voices Choir.

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