



Country Women's Association of WA

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Calendar of Important Dates for 2021

(Note: Some dates may change depending upon current COVID-19 restrictions)

Explanatory Notes:

- CWA Action:** Please observe dates / deadlines regarding information and forms required from branches by the State Office.
- CWA Event:** These are Association events held during the year and branches are encouraged to attend or participate. Branches are also invited to run a monthly cake stall at CWA House as a branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.
- National and International Event:** We have also included national and international events which may help you develop your branch calendar for the year.
- Public Holidays:** These have been included for your information.

Day	Date in 2021	Description
Friday	1 January	CWA Action: Branch Annual Member Subscriptions due (to be paid at the <u>first</u> branch meeting in the new year)
Tuesday	5 January	CWA Action: CWA House re-opens for the new year
	Early January	CWA Action: Nomination Forms for Board and Committees available on-line or by request
Friday	8 January	CWA Event: Digital Mentor Training, CWA House / On-Line
Saturday	9 January	CWA Event: Branch Treasurer Training, CWA House
Friday	15 January	CWA Action: Board nominations recall closes for two vacant ordinary member positions
Tuesday	26 January	Public Holiday: Australia Day
Friday	5 February	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The February stall will be hosted by State Office Staff).
Friday	12 February	CWA Action: March/April edition of CWA Magazine copy deadline
Wednesday	17 February (TBC)	CWA Event: Get Online Training Session for Members with Scone Baking Lesson by State President at CWA House
Thursday and Friday	18 & 19 February	CWA of WA Board Meeting

Monday	1 March	Public Holiday: Labour Day
Friday	5 March	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)
	1 to 31 March	National Event: <i>Australian Women's History Month:</i> The Royal Australian Historical Society highlights Australian women that have contributed to our history in various and meaningful ways.
Monday	8 March	International Event: <i>International Women's Day:</i> Celebrating women's achievements, raising awareness against bias, and working towards for equality.
Monday	8 March	International Event: <i>ACWW South Pacific Area Conference</i> (Digital conference): In each Triennium, ACWW's nine global areas organise an Area Conference. Under the auspices of the Area President and hosted by a Member Hostess Society, the Conference is the opportunity for all Member Societies (Categories 1, 2, 3, and 4) in the Area to hear updates, bring and share their own work and opinions, raise any concerns, ask any questions, and reaffirm their commitment to the work of ACWW. CWA Event: The CWA of WA is a Category 1 Society Member of the ACWW and has delegates participating in this conference.
Wednesday	10 March	CWA Action: Branch Audited Annual Financial Return due
Friday	12 March	CWA Action: Branch Details Form due CWA Action: Branch Membership List due CWA Action: Branch Annual Reports to CWA State Office due
	As required	CWA Action: Branch State Welfare Emergency Incident Response Form (to be completed in times of emergency)
	Throughout the year	CWA Action: Branch Member Profile Forms (to be completed for every member)
	Throughout the year	CWA Action: Branch Donations Form (Disbursements to the Association's State Project Funds)
Sunday	21 March	International Event: <i>Harmony Day:</i> Celebrates Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
Thursday	25 March	Perth Event: Farmer on Your Plate, Forrest Place, Perth: Bringing the country to the city, connecting consumers to the farmers who produce high-quality WA food on your plates and fostering connections between the city and country. This event celebrates the importance of agriculture to Australia and encourages all Australians to champion farming and

		<p>support the continued production of high-quality Australian food. Visitors to the event can expect farm-fresh produce, opportunities to meet the farming families, cooking demonstrations and samples, cuddly farm animals, entertainment and more. It is free to attend.</p> <p>CWA Event: Farmer on Your Plate: The CWA of WA normally hires a display stand and sells merchandise or provides food giveaways. This is organised by the State Office and the Events Team.</p>
Wednesday	31 March	<p>CWA Action: Branch AGM Meetings must be held by this time.</p> <p>CWA Action: Branch Financial, Constitutional and General Motions to be considered for inclusion in the State Conference Agenda close</p> <p>CWA Action: CWA State Office End of Financial Year</p> <p>CWA Action: Clarice Rudduck Memorial Award close. The Clarice Rudduck Memorial Award was established in 1962 by Mr Samuel Rudduck in memory of his wife who was the foundation President of Coorow Branch and a State Council member at the time of her death. The Award is made annually to the CWA Branch exhibiting the finest community effort and is announced at the annual State Conference.</p>
	April	CWA Action: Branch Directory (Contact details of Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers)
	April/May	CWA Action: Invoicing of Memberships, Branch Directory & State Conference Fee
Thursday	1 April (TBC)	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)
Friday to Monday	2 to 5 April	Public Holidays: Easter
Friday	9 April	CWA Action: May/June edition of CWA Magazine copy deadline
Friday	16 April	CWA Action: Nomination and Expressions of Interest applications for Board and Committees close.
Thursday and Friday	22 and 23 April	CWA of WA Board Meeting
Sunday	25 April	Public Holiday: Anzac Day
Monday	26 April	Public Holiday: Anzac Day (additional day)
Wednesday	28 April	International Event: Pay It Forward Day: This is a worldwide celebration of kindness that takes place every year on this day. Not associated with any organization or foundation and free to participate in, Pay It Forward Day exists to encourage people to stand for kindness out of the goodness of their hearts. It is designed to inspire acts of kindness on this day in hope that the ripple of good will continue throughout the entire year.

Thursday	29 April	<p>International Event: <i>ACWW Day – Women Walk the World:</i> Each year, people worldwide celebrate the Associated Country Women of the World’s (ACWW) international network by joining together to Walk the World and raise funds for the ACWW.</p> <p>CWA Event: CWA Branch Picnics: The CWA of WA is a Category 1 Society Member of the ACWW and encourages branches to combine the ACWW Women Walk the World event with a branch / community picnic.</p>
Monday	3 May (approx.)	CWA Action: Posting of State Conference Circular, Agenda, Motions, and other Information.
Friday	7 May	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)
Sunday	9 May	National Event: <i>Mother’s Day</i>
Friday	14 May	CWA Action: Annual Report copy deadline
Saturday	15 May	International Event: <i>International Day of Families:</i> This was established by the United Nations in 1993 as a way to raise awareness of issues faced by families throughout the world. The UN also uses the International Day of Families as a way to recognise that family structures have undergone many changes due to social, economic, and demographic factors. The annual event provides a way to highlight the important role that families hold in communities and raises issues that may affect families.
Saturday to Friday	15 to 21 May	National Event: <i>National Families Week:</i> The aim of National Families Week is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society.
Monday to Sunday	17 to 23 May	National Event: <i>National Volunteer Week:</i> This is Australia’s largest annual celebration of volunteers and highlights the significant contribution of Australia’s almost six million volunteers. Each year these volunteers dedicate over 600 million hours to help others. The theme for 2021 is Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine.
Friday night to Sunday	28 to 30 May	CWA Event: Autumn Craft and Cooking School, CWA House. This school is a selection of craft and cooking classes held over a weekend at CWA House 1176 Hay Street, West Perth. It is open to CWA of WA members & non-members. Children aged 12 years & over are welcome to attend with a parent or grandparent. A full activity and pricing schedule and on-line booking will be available closer to the event.
Thursday and Friday	27 & 28 May	CWA of WA Board Meeting
Thursday to Thursday	27 May to 3 June	National Event: <i>National Reconciliation Week:</i> Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds, and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. (National Sorry Day is on Wednesday, 26 May).

Monday	31 May	CWA Action: CWA Community Project Grant closes The Community Project Grant was established to provide financial assistance to branches wishing to undertake a significant project in their local community or to fund maintenance on their CWA Centre in order to make it fit for purpose for community activities.
Monday	31 May	CWA Action: CWA Young Volunteer of the Year Award closes This Award was established to recognise the importance of volunteering and be a positive focus for young volunteers who serve as role models in their community. The Award is open to young people, male or female, between the ages of 15 and 30 years.
Monday	7 June	Public Holiday: Western Australia Day
Friday	4 June	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)
Tuesday	15 June	International Event: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: This is commemorated each year on 15 June to highlight one of the worst manifestations of ageism and inequality in our society, elder abuse. Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust such as a family member or friend. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological, or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect.
Thursday	1 July	CWA Action: State Conference Branch Registration Forms due CWA Action: Branch Voting Papers for State President, State Treasurer & Board closes (only if required).
Friday	2 July	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)
Sunday to Sunday	4 to 11 July	National Event: NAIDOC Week: Celebrations are held around the country each July to celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
Wednesday	7 July	CWA Event: CWA Foundation Day (First branch formed at Nungarin on 7 July 1924)
Friday	9 July	CWA Action: Branch Merchandise orders to be placed for collection at State Conference
Monday night to Wednesday	26 to 28 July	CWA Event: STATE CONFERENCE (Optus Stadium, Perth)
Friday	30 July	International Event: International Day of Friendship: The International Day of Friendship is a United Nations (UN) day that promotes the role that friendship plays in promoting peace in many cultures.

Friday	6 August	CWA Action: Young Leader's Weekend Application Forms/Payment due
Friday	6 August	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)
Friday	13 August	CWA Action: September/October edition of CWA Magazine copy deadline
Thursday and Friday	19 & 20 August	CWA of WA Board Meeting
Wednesday and Thursday	25 & 26 August	<p>State Event: Dowerin Machinery Field Days: Farms these days involve million-dollar land values and often, machinery purchases exceeding \$500,000 AUS. Therefore, this annual event continues to be a vital part of the farming calendar giving a unique opportunity to see and acquire information on machinery, production methods and associated farming lifestyle products in one arena. There is a strong social element to the field days, a chance for farmers and their families to catch up with neighbours from far and wide, while the event also serves as a way for exhibitors to give something back to their customers and the wider community.</p> <p>CWA Event: CWA Promotional Stand - Dowerin: The CWA of WA operates a promotional stand at Dowerin Machinery Field Days. This is organised by State Office and the Events Team.</p>
Saturday and Sunday	28 & 29 August (TBC)	<p>CWA Event: Young Leader's Weekend: These weekends have been run annually by enthusiastic members of the Association who have worked with young adults since 1998, with many participants being sponsored by their local CWA branch.</p> <p>This weekend offers hands on outdoor activities in a supportive environment, allowing each person the opportunity to challenge themselves and to work as a team. Along with communication and goal setting, activities include archery, crate stacking, aerial runway, a blindfolded course challenge and constructing newspaper shelters.</p> <p>This is a residential weekend, the price includes accommodation, all activities and catering. This is organised by the State Office and the Learning and Development Committee.</p>
Wednesday and Thursday	1 & 2 September	<p>State Event: Newdegate Machinery Field Days: On the first Wednesday and Thursday of September each year, the town of Newdegate hosts one of the State's premier agricultural events, the Newdegate Machinery Field Days. This began in 1972 and is run by a volunteer committee to host a world class agricultural machinery display, which has now expanded to include livestock, family, and recreational interests.</p> <p>CWA Event: CWA Promotional Stand - Newdegate: The CWA Lake Varley Branch participates in the Newdegate Machinery Field Days with a promotional stand to showcase the work of their branch and the Association as a whole.</p>

Friday	3 September	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)
Monday to Friday	6 to 10 September	National Event: Women's Health Week (Jean Hailes for Women's Health): Women's Health Week is a nation-wide campaign of events and online activities – all centered on improving women's health and helping you to make healthier choices.
Thursday	9 September	National Event: R U OK? Day: The mission is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life and thoughts of suicide and ask, "Are you OK?" (World Suicide Prevention Day is on 10 September).
Tuesday	21 September	International Event: International Day of Peace: The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the UN General Assembly to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples. The United Nations invites all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities during the Day, and to otherwise commemorate the Day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace. International Event: World Gratitude Day: World Gratitude Day has been designed to bring the whole world together in a day that is all about being thankful. World Gratitude Day joins organizations, nationals, and individuals in sharing their gratitude in a number of different ways.
Monday	27 September	Public Holiday: Queen's Birthday
Thursday	30 September	CWA Action: CWA Member Education Bursary closes CWA Action: CWA Secondary Education Bursary closes CWA Action: CWA Tertiary Education Bursary closes These bursaries are funded through the Sir James Mitchell Fund to assist with educational expenses. Eligibility criteria apply. Contact State Office for an application form.
Saturday to Saturday	25 September to 2 October (TBC depending on COVID situation)	State Event: Perth Royal Show, Claremont Showground CWA Event: Perth Royal Show Stands: The CWA of WA organises a Promotional Stand and Time for Tea Stand for the 8 (eight) days of the Perth Royal Show. Members and branches are encouraged to volunteer for this important Association event. The State Office and the Perth Royal Show Committee organise this project.
Friday	1 October	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)

	1 to 31 October	National Event: <i>Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Girls' Night In:</i> October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and an important time for the National Breast Cancer Foundation to highlight why research in this area is so crucial. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia, with 8 people losing their lives to the disease every day. The only way to stop deaths from breast cancer is by funding research to improve our understanding of how breast cancer originates, grows and spreads so that we can stop it in its tracks. Join us in our mission to end deaths from breast cancer by 2030.
Saturday to Saturday	9 to 16 October	State Event: <i>Mental Health Awareness Week WA:</i> Mental Health Week in WA is organised by the WA Association for Mental Health and the Mental Health Commission. Mental Health Week is held every year in October, and aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma, encourage help-seeking behaviour, and promote mentally healthy communities.
Sunday	10 October	International Event: <i>World Mental Health Day:</i> This is an international day for global mental health education, awareness, and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries.
Monday	11 October	International Event: <i>International Day of the Girl Child:</i> This day amplifies the voices and rights of girls everywhere. Girls worldwide are demanding a life free from gender-based violence, access to health, skills, recognition, and investment as leaders of social change.
Friday	15 October	CWA Action: November/December edition of CWA Magazine copy deadline
Friday	15 October	International Event: <i>International Day of Rural Women:</i> This day recognizes the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security, and eradicating rural poverty.
Saturday	16 October	International Event: <i>World Food Day:</i> World Food Day is organised to bring awareness to how our changing planet affects food production and distribution. The goal is to build a Zero Hunger Generation.
	18 to 24 October	National Event: <i>Get Online Week:</i> This is a digital inclusion campaign organised by Good Things Foundation. It gives people the chance to find the support they need to improve their digital skills. CWA Event: Get Online Week: CWA of WA normally organizes an activity or event to assist and encourage our members to engage with technology and demystify the use of computers and the internet.
Tuesday and Wednesday	19 & 20 October	CWA of WA Board Meeting
Saturday	23 October	National Event: <i>Pink Ribbon Day:</i> Cancer Council's Pink Ribbon campaign aims to raise awareness about breast and gynaecological cancers, as well as raise funds for prevention programs, support services and vital cancer research.

Sunday	31 October	CWA Action: CWA /CTA Henderson Field Scholarship (for Rural WA Nurses) closes. The Country Women's Association of WA (CWA) together with the Commercial Travellers' Association of WA (CTA) established the CWA / CTA Henderson Field Scholarship, which is designed to encourage further nursing skills training, particularly involving the care of children, for the benefit of rural, regional, and remote communities.
	On Application	CWA Action: Rural Medical Scholarship CWA Action: Rural Dental Scholarship These scholarships are funded by the Association's State Project Fund and are awarded to qualifying applicants studying at the University of Western Australia for the length of their degrees.
Friday	5 November	CWA Event: CWA House Monthly Cake Stall Fundraiser (The State Office invites branches to book this day and use this event as their branch fundraiser. For bookings, please contact State Office.)
Thursday	11 November	International Event: Remembrance Day: Remembrance Day has been observed since the end of the First World War to remember armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. It is observed on 11 November to recall the end of First World War hostilities which formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month".
Saturday	13 November	International Event: World Kindness Day: World Kindness Day is to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness for good which binds us. Kindness is a fundamental part of the human condition which bridges the divides of race, religion, politics, gender and places of residence.
	November (TBC)	State Event: Have a Go Day: Have a Go Day has been run by Seniors Recreation Council since its inception in 1992 and is part of Western Australia's Seniors Week. The event is the largest single event specifically targeted at the over 55s demographic. A mix of over 230 static sites and activities makes this event unique to Western Australia. CWA of WA has a promotional stall at this event each year. CWA Event: Have a Go Day: CWA of WA has a promotional stall at this event each year organised by State Office and the Events Team.
Monday and Tuesday	22 & 23 November	CWA of WA Board Meeting
Thursday	25 November and 25 November to 10 December	International & State Event / CWA Event: International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women. Also includes 16 Days in WA of Activism Against Gender Violence from 25 November to 10 December.
	During month of December	CWA Action: Branch Donations Form (Disbursements to State Project Funds) due
Friday	3 December (TBC)	CWA Event: Kings Park Branch Cake Stall/Christmas Gift Shop Stall

Sunday	5 December	International Event: <i>International Volunteer Day</i> : Raising awareness on the important role volunteers play in responding to challenges facing the world.
Thursday	16 December	CWA of WA State Office will close for the festive holiday break from 4.00 pm on Thursday, 16 December 2021
Saturday	25 December	Public Holiday: Christmas Day
Sunday	26 December	Public Holiday: Boxing Day
Monday	27 December	Public Holiday: Additional public holiday for Christmas Day
Tuesday	28 December	Public Holiday: Additional public holiday for Boxing Day
Friday	31 December	CWA Action: CWA Branch End of Financial Year CWA Action: CWA Holiday Homes & Retirement Lodges End of Financial Year
Wednesday	5 January 2022	CWA of WA State Office will re-open for business at 8.30 am on Wednesday, 5 January 2022