

## 2014 Cowra EDAP/Riverina Group Conference

- The 2014 conference saw a collaboration between EDAP and the Riverina Environmental Health & Building Professionals Group Inc. Which proved to be a very successful partnership and a further joint conference is planned for 2017.
- Wednesday, 30 April saw a large gathering of delegates attending the joint Central West , North West and Riverina Food Group meeting in conjunction with the NSW Food Authority held in the Cowra Shire Council Chambers. Ruth Davis introduced Ben Lees.
- 70 delegates attended the Wednesday evening function held at the historic 'Mill' venue in Vaux St, Cowra and B.E.S.T. sponsored the drinks for the evening, wine tasting of the Windowrie range was available together with sumptuous finger food.
- Thursday Conference was opened by the Mayor of Cowra Shire, Cr Bill West who endorsed the role of the attending professionals in the community.
- Excellent presentations were provided from a range of speakers on varying topics most of the presentations will be available on the EDAP website [www.edap.org.au](http://www.edap.org.au) together with further details on Penrith City Councils mentoring program and selected photos taken during the conference.
- Rosnay Organic Wines from Canowindra provided delegates with both a taste of their wines in the very well presented delegates bags as well as offering delegates a special offer on their superb wines.
- The Thursday Conference buffet dinner at the Cowra Services Club auditorium with background music by local band who had many delegates up on the dance floor.
- At the conference dinner four important awards were made to:
  - ❖ Comrade Ian Robertson for 30 years service to DEPA
  - ❖ Shelley Melville and Margaret Bayliss for their untiring work with the former AIBS NSW/ACT Chapter and
  - ❖ Bill Burns former CEO of AIBS NSW/ACT Chapter

120  
Delegates  
Registered  
for the  
Conference.



- The after party flowed onto the early hours at the Railway Hotel and then at Room 17 at The Breakout which had the infamous Bush Poet forget his lines and management requesting less noise from such room....
- Friday also saw a new concept with the EDAP/Riverina Conference joining with The Futures Forum held at Cowra Showground and 60 delegates attended the forum.

- New faces at the Conference were Jody Houston from Jody White Consulting; Jasmin Hammond, Glenn Oakley, Dean Stewart, Kate Albery and Pat Fitzsimmons all from Cowra Shire Council; Robert Bailey and Alan

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- **Upcoming Conferences 2015 Lachlan & Penrith sister Councils combining for a joint conference at Penrith.**
- **2016 Cabonne Shire Council at Canowindra.**
- **The first EDAP committee meeting is set down for Thursday, 29 May and if you have any ideas on speakers, training or any constructive criticism please let one of the committee members know and we can discuss at the meeting.**
- **12 June 2014 Planning for Non Planners at Parkes with Ian “Sinkers” Sinclair.**

