



# Country Conference

# 2012

Engaging with the Community

**Friday 24 – Sunday 26 February 2012**

Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, 198 Vincent St, Cessnock

[www.countrylabor.com.au/countryconference](http://www.countrylabor.com.au/countryconference)



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In 2012, Country Conference will have a different format. We will be expanding and reforming Conference to have a renewed focus on training and policy development.

## **An additional day of training**

On Friday, delegates and Party members will have the opportunity to attend an additional (optional) day of campaign training. This training will be aimed at members who are considering standing as candidates at the 2012 Local Government Elections.

To register for Friday's Campaign Training, simply complete the form at the back of this booklet.

## **Engaging with the community and developing policy**

On Saturday afternoon, Conference will break into small groups to hear from policy experts, community groups, Ministers and Shadow Ministers and Party Members on specific policy challenges for rural and regional NSW. Each group will report back to Conference on Sunday morning and have the opportunity to move motions after their discussions.



# Welcome

## Dear Country Delegate or Party Member,

The expanded and reformed 2012 NSW Country Conference will be held from Friday 24 February – Sunday 26 February at the new Cessnock Performing Arts Centre.

Country Conference remains one of the highlights of the Country Labor calendar.

Our 2012 Country Conference will offer Country members and delegates new training and policy development opportunities. I would encourage you to take advantage of this new training on Friday 24 February.

The 2012 Country Conference will be a crucial one as we develop policies and discuss our future plans to rebuild across rural and regional NSW.

Don't forget to bring your current Party Membership card with you to gain entry to Conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Cessnock.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Dastyari', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Sam Dastyari**  
GENERAL SECRETARY

### **For more information on Country Conference:**

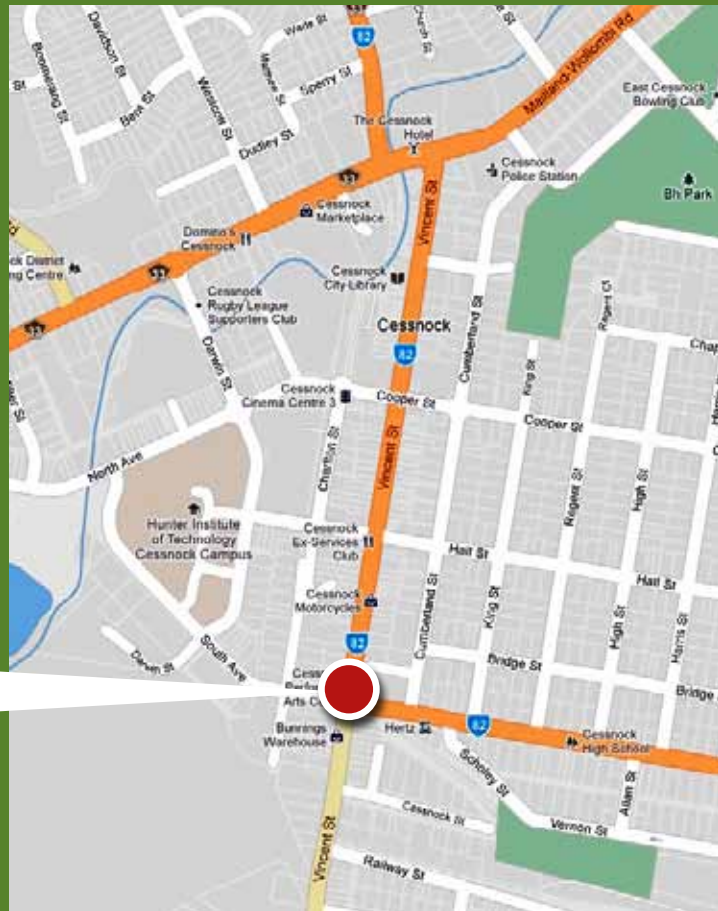
Contact Courtney Roche, Country Organiser

P: 1800 503 035 E: [courtney@nswalp.com](mailto:courtney@nswalp.com)

W: [www.countrylabor.com.au/countryconference](http://www.countrylabor.com.au/countryconference)

# Location

Cessnock is in the Hunter Valley, approximately a one hour drive from Newcastle and a two hour drive from Sydney.



# Accommodation

## MOTELS

### **Crowne Plaza Hotel Hunter Valley**

430 Wine Country Dr, Lovedale

☎ 1800 001 036

Double/Twin: \$325

2 Bedroom Villa: from \$475

### **Potters Hotel & Brewery**

Wine Country Dr, Nulkaba

☎ 4991 7922

Double/Twin: \$175 (2 night stay)

Villas: from \$210 (2 night stay)

### **Cessnock Comfort Inn**

#### **Cumberland**

57 Cumberland St, Cessnock

☎ 4990 6633

Double: \$130 / Twin: \$130

### **Cessnock Heritage Inn**

167 Vincent St, Cessnock

☎ 4991 2744

Double: \$125 (min 2 night stay)

Twin: \$140 (min 2 night stay)

### **Cessnock Motel**

13 Allandale Rd, Cessnock

☎ 4990 2699

Double: \$195 / Twin: \$210

### **Cessnock Vintage Motor Inn**

300 Maitland Rd, Cessnock

☎ 4990 4333

Double: \$115

### **Hunter Valley Motel**

30 Allandale Rd, Cessnock

☎ 4990 1722

Double: \$120

Twin (Queen & Single): \$130

### **Hunter Valley Travellers Rest**

35 Colliery St, Cessnock

☎ 4991 2355

Double: \$110 / Twin: \$130

### **Best Western Wine Country Motor Inn**

5/7 Darwin St, Cessnock

☎ 4993 2999

Double: \$145 / Twin: \$155

### **The Australia Hotel / Motel**

136 Wollombi Rd, Cessnock

☎ 1800 104 010

Double: \$140

## CARAVAN PARKS

### **Big4 Valley Vineyard**

#### **Tourist Park**

137 Mount View Rd, Cessnock

☎ 4990 2573

2 Bedroom Cottage: from \$140

8 Bed Villa: from \$200

## PUBS

### **Pedens Hotel**

196 Vincent St, Cessnock

☎ 4990 1014

Double: \$75

Double & Single: \$85

### **The Cessnock Hotel**

234 Wollombi Rd, Cessnock

☎ 4990 1002

Twin: \$55 per person

Double: \$55 per person

### **Australia Hotel / Motel**

136 Wollombi Rd, Cessnock

☎ 1800 104 010

Double: \$95

### **Railway Hotel Cessnock**

216 Vincent St, Cessnock

☎ 4990 1070

Single: \$75 / Double: \$95

### **The Royal Oak Hotel**

221 Vincent St, Cessnock

☎ 4991 3700

Single: \$90 / Double: \$120

### **Kearsley Hotel**

Caledonia St, Kearsley

☎ 4990 1179

Single: \$50 / Double: \$70

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## **Delegate credentialling**

Your delegate's badge will be available for your collection on Saturday morning at Conference. You will need your current Party membership card and to sign to collect your badge. Credentialling begins at 8am.

## **Observers**

All Party Members are welcome to attend Conference. To enter the Conference auditorium, you will need to show your current Party membership card.

## **Conference papers**

Delegates will receive a Conference Folder at Conference. The Conference Book will also be available in the membership section of the Party's website at [www.nswalp.com](http://www.nswalp.com) in the week prior to Conference.

## **Childcare**

Childcare is available during the Conference at no charge to Delegates. If you need childcare, please contact Courtney Roche on 1800 503 035 or [courtney@nswalp.com](mailto:courtney@nswalp.com). Please provide the children's names, ages and times they will need care.

# Dinner Booking Form

**Venue: Cessnock Leagues Club, 1 Darwin Street, Cessnock.**

**The Country Conference dinner, held on the Saturday night of Conference, is always one of the most enjoyable parts of Conference.**

The prestigious 'Bluey' Rodwell Award is presented each year at Country Conference to a Country Labor Member who has performed meritorious service to Country Labor.

Tickets are \$35 per person or \$25 concession (pensioners / unwaged / students).

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Dietary requirements:

Please debit my: Mastercard/Visa

Card #:

Expiry:  /

Name on card:

Today's date:     /     /

Signature:

**RSVP with payment by mail, fax or email by Friday 18 February 2012.**

**Mail:** Country Conference Dinner, NSW ALP, PO Box K408 Haymarket NSW 1240

**Fax:** 9264 2574 **Email:** courtney@nswalp.com

You can also book online at **[www.trybooking.com/TLO](http://www.trybooking.com/TLO)**



I would like to participate in the One Day Campaign Insight Seminar at Country Conference on Friday 24 February 2012

## 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

NSW Labor membership number:

Name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Phone: *(please provide your best contact number)*

Email: *(please print clearly)*

## 2. WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE WITH COMMUNITY ORGANISING, ACTIVISM OR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS?

## 3. WHAT ROLE WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY IN FUTURE CAMPAIGNS?

Please return to Kaila Murnain, Organiser (Training and Communications), at [kaila@nswalp.com](mailto:kaila@nswalp.com) or PO Box K408, Haymarket NSW 1240.