



## NSW Teachers Federation New Activist Country & Country Women's Observer 2019 Application Form



### New Activist Country Observer Program

The Federation has an ongoing commitment to support recruitment and activism amongst country teachers. This commitment has developed from the Recruitment & Activism decision at Annual Conference in 2000. The program was further extended by decision of Annual Conference in 2004 with additional Observers able to attend Council.

The program provides country members with the opportunity to attend Federation Council in Sydney as Observers to develop their understanding of the Union's decision-making structures.

It is envisaged that 24 teacher activists will attend Council as a group of 8 New Activist Country Observers to 3 Councils this year. New Activist Country Observers can attend one Council per year. **Priority is given to those applicants who are activists in their local Association and have never attended Council before.**

The Councils designated for the New Activist Country Observer program in 2019 are Saturday 30 March, Saturday 1 June and Saturday 7 September.

There is an expectation that the New Activist Country Observers will become involved in other forums, as appropriate, at the Council they attend. This includes Women's Caucus (8.15am before Council) and the New Activist lunch (advertised during Council).

### Country Women's Observer Program

The Federation has an ongoing commitment to supporting women's activism in the Union; reaffirmed by Women's Conference and Council in 2002, in a decision to continue the Country Women's Observer Program.

This program provides country women members with the opportunity to attend Federation Council in Sydney as Observers to:

- develop their understanding of the operation of the Union's decision-making structures,
- encourage them to consider standing for election as Councillors in the future, and
- ensure that each Association's women members have the opportunity to be represented on Council.

Where an Association is represented only by a male Councillor(s), then that Association is eligible for two funded Women's Observer visits per year. Priority will be given to women activists in their local Association that have never attended Council before. It is strongly recommended that Associations encourage multiple women to participate in the program during the Council biennium. These visits can be taken by:

- one woman at two different Councils,
- two women at two different Councils, or
- two women at the same Council.

There is an expectation that women participating in the Country Women's Observer Program will attend Women's Caucus (commencing at 8:00am) to meet with women Councillors and discuss matters coming before Council on the day.

**Applications close three weeks prior to the nominated Council date to allow time to make arrangements for travel and accommodation; which is arranged and paid for by Federation.** As there are less than 3 Weeks in the term before the first Council of the year, consideration will need to be given to flight costs and availability relating to Women's Observer applications for February Council.

Childcare can be arranged by Federation, please contact the Women's Coordinator (contact details below) to discuss.

**For further information, please contact Mel Smith, Trade Union Training Officer or Leeanda Smith, Women's Coordinator on 9217 2100 or 1300 654 369 or email [tut@nswtf.org.au](mailto:tut@nswtf.org.au).**



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New Activist Country & Country Women's Observer  
2019 Application Form**



Name:		Member number:	
School:		Association:	
Mobile:	Home phone:	Work phone:	
Email address:			

Council Dates	New Activist Country Observer	Country Women's Observer	Closing Date for applications
Saturday 16 February		<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 1 February
Saturday 30 March	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 8 March
Saturday 4 May		<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 12 April
Saturday 1 June	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 10 May
Friday 10 August		<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 19 July
Saturday 7 September	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 16 August
Saturday 26 October		<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 4 October
Saturday 23 November		<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday 1 November

**Briefly outline Federation activism e.g. courses, attendance at Association meetings, proxy at Council.**


**What do you hope to get out of taking up this opportunity to see Federation Council at work?**


**Name and signature of Federation Organiser/Association President or Secretary of your Association**

Name:	Signature:
Association position:	
Comments to support this application:	

<b>Return New Activist Application to:</b> Mel Smith, Trade Union Training Officer <b>Email: tut@nswtf.org.au</b> Fax: 9217 2368	<b>Return Country Women's Application to:</b> Leeanda Smith, Women's Coordinator <b>Email: womenscoordinator@nswtf.org.au</b> Fax: 9217 2368
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