



COWRA'S LOCAL HEROES OF 2010

Introducing: Melissa Tidswell

The Achievement: Melissa won the Australian Titles in ski racing at Lake Jindabyne.

The Story: Melissa said that her experience at the 2009 Speed and Marathon Ski Racing World titles gave her the confidence to win the titles. She took out the 70km race by a minute and also finished third in the women's open class.

Introducing: Kevin and Wendy-Jane Saywaker, owners of the Vineyard Motel

The Achievement: Their motel was named as a State Winner in the TakeABreak.com.au Best Places to Stay Awards - Standard Accommodation and a Finalist in the Pet Friendly, Romantic and Group 10 + categories. Also a finalist in the Inland Tourism Awards.

The Story: The Vineyard Motel, on Chardonnay Road, is a homestead style building with just six rooms, set among the vineyards. Guests like to relax on the verandahs and enjoy the vistas over the Lachlan Valley.

Introducing: David O'Dea

The Achievement: David was named in the Australian Wine Business Monthly magazine as one of the 50 stars of the Wine Industry for 2009.

The Story: Mr O'Dea is the head of Windowrie Wines, one of the Cowra region's leading wine makers. Each year, the magazine names 50 people within the industry due to their "achievements, entrepreneurial spirit and shared passion". The article also highlighted David's recognition by Industry and Investment NSW when he was named Delegate of the Show at the Hong Kong International Wine and Spirits Fair.

Introducing: Anne Jeffery

The Achievement: Anne was honoured as the 2010 Burrinjuck Women of the Year.

The Story: Anne was nominated for her tireless work, on behalf of the Cowra Early Intervention Service, where she is the co-ordinator of the four support workers. She has worked for the Service for the past 10 years and has been a dedicated advocate for funding to purchase a centre better suited to the needs of their clients and the programs available to them.



Wendy-Jane Saywaker with Snowy.



Melissa Tidswell.



David O'Dea.



Anne Jeffery (right).