



WIC Canberra was established in 1964. It created a platform for local and visiting women to meet in a welcoming environment.

By sharing their lives, homes and knowledge of Canberra and Australia, Permanent Members of WIC act as hosts to our Visiting International Members; this is the bedrock on which our Club is founded.

The legacy of previous Members has shaped WIC to be the Club it is today where all Members can engage with each other in an open, positive and harmonious way.



**Women's International  
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# **WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB INCORPORATED CANBERRA**



**INFORMATION GUIDE**

WIC is a friendship club for women from all walks of life, of all ages and from diverse international backgrounds. The Club is not-for-profit, international in scope and has as its focus, multicultural understanding and friendship.

WIC has no political or religious affiliations: we encourage and value the open exchange of ideas and opinions. The Club relies on the active participation and volunteering spirit of its members to achieve its aims.

Should you decide to seek nomination to join WIC, it is our sincere wish that you will be an active and involved Member because the Club has much to offer.

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## Objectives of WIC

The objectives of the Club are:

- To foster friendship and understanding between women of different backgrounds & nationalities; and
- To diversify cultural understanding between members.

## Contact Mornings

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month (known as 'Contact' Mornings) - at the Hellenic Club, Woden, ACT - from February to November.

Contact Mornings are fundamental to the structure of WIC: attendance is an integral part of being offered, and accepting, membership. Contact Mornings comprise three elements:

- Socialising - where we have the opportunity to foster friendships;
- Club business matters - including welcoming new Members; and
- A program of entertainment that may include a guest speaker, cultural presentation, or artistic performance.

## Circles

There are over fifty Circles in WIC where Members form and develop friendships. A Circle is a group of active Members who meet at least once a month to engage in pursuits of mutual enjoyment and where Members share their interests, skills, knowledge and talents. Circles are an important element of WIC and they are central to the ethos and culture of the Club.

## WIC Membership

There are two membership categories:

### 1. *Australian / Permanent International Members*

These members reside in the ACT on a permanent basis

### 2. *Visiting International Members*

These Members reside in the ACT for a defined, **temporary** period (e.g. 3-4 year posting).

## Joining WIC

Membership of WIC requires nomination by a current Member supported by two seconders who are also current Members of the Club.

Either the nominator or one of the seconders must be Australian.

To begin the process, your nominator has invited you as a guest and will accompany you to a Contact Morning.

At the Contact Morning, your nominator will introduce you to the President and to other members of the Committee and to the broader Membership.

Your nominator will explain the objectives, responsibilities and privileges of WIC so that you fully understand the obligations of membership.

Your nominator will obtain a nomination form from the Membership Liaison Officer (MLO) – Lynn Chan. This form should be completed in your own time with the guidance of your nominator, and then either posted to the MLO at PO Box 5106, Kingston, ACT 2604, or scan by email to the MLO.

WICmembership2020@gmail.com

Your nomination will be presented to the managing Committee. Please note that the nomination process takes approximately two months and does not guarantee acceptance into WIC.

## Membership Fees

There is a joining fee of \$50, plus an annual membership fee of \$150. These fees are subject to change.

## Guidelines

Like all clubs, we operate under a Constitution and guidelines that all Members are expected to respect and follow:

- Members must reside in the ACT.
- Members are required to attend Contact Mornings.
- Members are required to join and regularly attend at least one Circle each year.
- Only Members of WIC may attend and participate in Circles.

## Open Door to Associations of International Women

WIC Canberra belongs to the Open Door Association of International Women. This worldwide organisation enables Members from affiliated associations to make contact as they move or make short visits to another country.