



WIC Canberra was established in 1964. It created a platform for local and visiting international 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.



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WIC is a women's friendship club that was established in 1964. It has around 350 members of Australian and visiting international women, representing around 50 countries. The Club is not-for-profit, international in scope and has as its focus a 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 of our Club.

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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 the 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 an artistic performance.

## Circles

There are over 50 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 have the opportunity to 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).

## 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.