

## **The Women's International Club, Canberra**

Thank you for your interest in the Women's International Club (WIC).

WIC is a non-political, non-sectarian network of empathetic women whose friendships develop in the context of regularly-scheduled activities and events voluntarily created and managed by members for members.

WIC aims to help women newly arrived in Canberra to settle in quickly by finding friends with whom to share and enjoy life in the ACT. With more than 350 members from over 55 countries, WIC's monthly Contact Mornings and Circles enable like-minded women to share laughter, skills, ideas, and memories as friendships grow.

Should you be interested in learning more about WIC, and meeting some of our members, please provide the following details in an email to

[wicpresidentact@gmail.com](mailto:wicpresidentact@gmail.com) :

- Name
- Nationality
- Email address
- Telephone
- How you heard about WIC

**Email:** [wicpresidentact@gmail.com](mailto:wicpresidentact@gmail.com)

[www.womensinternationalclubcanberra.com](http://www.womensinternationalclubcanberra.com)

### **History and Purpose**

**In 1964, women from the Australian and International diplomatic communities (themselves experienced in the frequent trans-national relocation of home and family) came together to form a Women's International Club, Canberra.**

**In establishing the Club they aimed to help women newly arrived in Canberra to settle here quickly and easily.**

**Today the Women's International Club facilitates the creation of friendship and support networks for women temporarily resident in Australia.**

**The Club provides a welcoming environment within which temporary, permanent, and long-term residents of Canberra derive mutual benefits from the open, positive, and hospitable sharing of their stories, cultures, interests, skills and knowledge.**

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**MEMBERSHIP  
INFORMATION**

## Aims of WIC

The aims of the Club are:

- To foster friendship and mutual understanding between women of different nationalities; and
- To contribute to the cultural development of its members.

## Contact Mornings

Monthly Contact Mornings, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from February to November at the Hellenic Club, Woden, enable Members to meet casually while enjoying sweet and savoury snacks and beverages prior to the formal start of the meeting.

Contact Mornings are structured as follows:

- Social: Guests and Members meet and mingle, helping themselves to sweet or savoury snacks and drinks; then,
- Business: WIC's Committee delivers reports and welcomes new Members; then,
- Program presentation: The delivery of an illustrated talk or cultural performance

## Circles

Member-led Circles, central to the ethos and culture of the Club, offer the opportunity to cultivate deep friendships while learning or sharing skills, knowledge, and interests on a weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or bi-monthly basis.

Members are expected to join at least 1 Circle, and may join up to 8. In 2019 WIC will offer more than fifty Activity Circles.

## WIC Membership

There are 2 categories of Members:

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

These Members reside in the ACT on a permanent or long-term basis.

### 2. *Visiting International:*

These Members reside in the ACT for a defined / temporary period (usually on a professional, diplomatic, or military posting).

## Joining WIC

To join WIC you must be nominated by a Member who will first invite you to accompany her as a guest to a Contact Morning.

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

Your nominator will explain WIC's aims and activities so you can understand the benefits and responsibilities of belonging to WIC.

Your nominator will help you to fill out a nomination form, identifying two appropriate additional Members to support your nomination. Once completed, the form should be emailed to the Membership Liaison Officer (MLO) at [wicmembership2017@gmail.com](mailto:wicmembership2017@gmail.com) or posted to her at PO Box 5106, Kingston, ACT 2604.

After the MLO receives your nomination it will be presented to the next monthly Committee meeting for consideration. Please note that the nomination process takes about two months and does not guarantee acceptance into WIC.

## Membership Fees

There is a joining fee of \$50, plus an annual, pro-rata membership fee of \$120. Fees are subject to change.

## Guidelines

Like all clubs, WIC operates under a Constitution with appropriate social media guidelines and insurance cover. Note that our insurance covers only WIC's members' participation in its Circles. WIC Members are expected to:

- Reside in the ACT;
- Join and regularly attend at least 1 Activity Circle per year;
- Regularly attend Contact Mornings;
- Renew their Membership annually by 1 October; and
- Notify the MLO of changes to their contact details.

## 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.