

Celebrating 100 years of service and friendship

The first official meeting of the Inner Wheel Organisation was held at Manchester, England on 10th January 1924. This is now celebrated as Inner Wheel Day by clubs all over the world. The Inner Wheel club of Cowra Inc celebrated the Centenary of Inner Wheel on 10th January 2024 at Cowra Rose Garden. Members assembled here to be photographed with their Gift of Friendship Rose previously donated to the Cowra Rose Garden and commemorated with a plaque. This repeat flowering, Floribunda red rose was planted in winter 2023. The Cowra Mayor Cr Bill West was present on this occasion, and Mayor Cr Ruth Fagan joined members on 10th January, 2024, to celebrate 100 years of the Inner Wheel Organisation.

Inner Wheel is now one of the largest voluntary women's organisations in the world. The aim of the Founder, Margarett Golding, of Manchester England was to promote friendship and to undertake service. Friendship, personal service and International Understanding are now the Objects. The photo of Mayor Cr Ruth Fagan with Inner Wheel Cowra members will be displayed on the Australian poster to be featured at the International Inner Wheel Convention in Manchester in May 2024. Cowra Rose Garden on International display!

The Inner Wheel Club of Cowra was chartered in 1959 and is open to any woman who wants to make friends, make a difference and serve her community. Each year donations are made to the Cowra community to include five local schools, St Vincents de Paul, and Salvation Army and Cowra Eisteddfod .

Since 2001 the Inner Wheel Australia Project, Cord Blood Research, has received a donation from I. W. Cowra for Australian researchers to help save lives and give a sick child a second chance of life. A very successful luncheon was held last September to support the District International Project , the Timor Learning Centre, Dili, with the co-founder and Director Libby Bleakley as guest speaker.

The Inner Wheel of Cowra Club meets every third Monday at 11am at Club Cowra . Contact iiw.au.cowra@gmail.com

The members of the Inner Wheel Club of Cowra are grateful to the community of Cowra who have supported their fund raising over the years and to the

Cowra Council who have allowed them to commemorate the Inner Wheel Centenary by including their Gift of Friendship Rose in the Cowra Rose Garden.

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Pictured at Cowra Rose Garden are standing Judy Amos, Mandy Howard, Madeleine Rankin, Peggy Chivers, Jenny Kelly, Diane Walsh, Beverley Bundy, Heather Treasure, Cowra Mayor Cr Ruth Fagan, Christine Parker, Sue Brown, Leslie Wright and seated is I W Cowra President Christine Murphy.

Around table at Cowra Rose Garden café are standing Christine Parker, Cowra Mayor Cr Ruth Fagan, Madeleine Rankin, Mandy Howard, Sue Brown, Judy Amos, seated are Heather Treasure, Jenny Kelly, Beverley Bundy, Sylvia Pereira, Peggy Chivers, Leslie Wright, Christine Murphy, Diane Walsh.

Thank you to Cowra Guardian journalist, Cara Kemp.