



CWL

Catholic Women's League : Catholic women working together in their Parish and community.

The Catholic Women's League of Australia (CWL) is the national peak body representing the League's Member Organisations located throughout Australia.

We are dedicated to building a culture of life; advocating for the respect of human rights with a particular focus on women and children; along with promoting the teaching of Christ and his Church.

We seek to influence legislative and administrative bodies at all levels in order to preserve the dignity of the human person. Addressing social justice and ethical questions is one of our primary tasks. We strive to be a voice for the voiceless.

We financially assist charitable organisations here in Australia and overseas as well as providing support to specific CWL projects.

• Santa Casa (welfare)

Aid for disadvantaged women and children in the community, visiting the sick, helping the aged and assisting the disabled, homeless and migrants

• Social Questions

Upholds and enunciates traditional catholic values, principles and ethics, promotes ecumenism, encouraging education in faith and spirituality

• Christus Rex (mission)

Assistance for missionaries in their work, promoting and supporting vocations, supporting overseas aid and charitable organisations

The Catholic Women's League was founded in England in 1906 by Margaret Fletcher, her vision was for an organisation that would provide a voice for Catholic women with the Church and within society. In 1910 similar Leagues from throughout Europe gathered in Brussels and the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) was established.

In Australia the CWL held its inaugural meeting on the 25th October 1914 . The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga was founded in 1916, its inaugural President being a gifted young doctor called Mary Glowrey, who later became Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart.



The inaugural President of the League was Mary Glowrey, a gifted young doctor whose actions were grounded in an understanding of the absolute inviolability of human life.

Today the League as a member organisation to WUCWO, we have a world- wide presence.

WUCWO's aim is to promote participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, enabling us as Christians, to fulfil our mission of evangelisation and to work for human development.



The current WUCWO executive committee

A Non-Government Organisation, WUCWO holds consultative status on the United Nations Economic and Social Council and on the Human Rights Council.

The CWL in our Parish

- ◆ Prayer and reflection
- ◆ Topical discussions



The CWL's monthly magazine 'The Horizon' is a comprehensive resource delivering concise information on a number of social issues covering WUCWO activities, religious exposes and news on other CWL branches. Attending the monthly CWL meeting affords the opportunity for members to pray together, discuss current global and national issues and matters that affect our Parish.

Echuca CWL members also attend conferences and represent our Parish; along with other faith communities and organisations in creating awareness about social justice and ethical issues.

The CWL in our Parish

- ◆ Fund raising



Being part of the Catholic Women's League is a means for us to contribute to our local community and beyond. We provide support to St Vincent de Paul, St Joseph's College and our Parish School as well as financial support to the missions of St John of God in Papua New Guinea.

Our work is dedicated to the Holy Spirit and Our Lady, Help of Christians.

CWL supports the rural community

Mary Glowrey House

Short term budget accommodation in Melbourne,

on the 96 tram route, stop 13, Fitzroy,

Phone 94173379.

Close to hospitals and city attractions.

CWL Echuca Branch also supported the establishment of Mary Glowrey House, named after the League's founding President. You can also, without being a member, book accommodation for that trip to Melbourne. Mary Glowrey House offers short stay rooms at a budget price for rural travellers.

The CWL Meets

We gather on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (following midday Mass) in the Parish Centre, have lunch and start our meeting at 1.00pm with prayers and a welcome from the President.

Our vision is to create a more just society through prayer and action. Our hope is that more women, young and older, will join with us in our service in Christ.

If you'd like further details about the Catholic Women's League in our Parish, please phone Margaret Spedding.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.