

## ***Catholic Women's League Australia-New South Wales Inc. Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle***



### **Who are we?**

The inaugural meeting of Catholic Women's League Australia was held in Adelaide, South Australia on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1914. CWLA NSW began in 1915. Catholic Women's League Australia (CWLA) has been active in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle for more than 70 years.

Our organisation is a community of women called together by faith with a wide variety of interests, backgrounds and ideas and aspirations. We provide a voice for Catholic women in Church and society by addressing social and moral issues effecting family life, particularly of women and children; We promote family values and equality for all— in areas of health, education, economic and social welfare and we work collaboratively with Church leaders to fulfil the mission of Church— particularly in areas of Social Justice and Bio-ethics.

Through Catholic Women's League women are offered an opportunity to make a real and lasting difference in our Church and in the world.

### **What do we do?**

#### **In parishes**

Gather for prayer and fellowship; Discuss issues relating to faith, community and social justice; Join with women of other faiths; Assist in parish events and celebrations; participate in Education and Liaise with other lay organisations to be a voice for women.

#### **Nationally**

We are involved in Social Justice and Bio-ethics issues by prayer, information gathering and dispersing, education and lobbying of government through submissions and representations.

#### **Internationally**

As a member organisation of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO), we are lobbying through the United Nations on issues pertaining to Catholics, women and families.

Through WUCWO, we work together with 5 million women in more than 60 countries to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church.

WUCWO represents almost 100 Catholic women's organisations worldwide, active in around 60 countries including all continents and some island states, counting more than eight (8) million Catholic women of every walk of life.

Our National International Secretary represents us at the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, (ECOSOC) as well as receiving and distributing WUCWO matters. (Visit [wucwo.org](http://wucwo.org) for more information).

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