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## INNER WHEEL CLUB OF NORTH LAUNCESTON COLLECTION

Women, Launceston  
Service Clubs, Launceston  
Rotary Clubs, Launceston

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In August 1963 a group of wives of North Launceston Rotarians met to discuss the possibility of forming an Inner Wheel Club and a meeting was called for 14 August 1963. At this meeting Rotary Club of North Launceston President Harold Panitzki, the official who inaugurated the Club, said that whilst the Club would function as a body distinct from Rotary, its members would be the support of social functions conducted from time to time by the Rotary Club of North Launceston. The constitution was read and officers were elected.

The Inner Wheel Club of Launceston was the sponsor club at the double charter dinner of the Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston and the Inner Wheel Club of South Launceston on 6 March 1964.

When the Club applied for incorporation as an association in 1989 its objects and purposes were to promote friendship between the wives of Rotarians on a national and international level, thus fostering international understanding, and to raise funds for the purpose of donating to charitable organisations.

General meetings were held in members' homes every month except January and committee meetings were held regularly during the year. Guest speakers were invited to some general meetings and members enjoyed fellowship and friendship with other Inner Wheel clubs. The Club held numerous fundraising functions, with proceeds going to local charitable organisations and to international projects. Members also assisted at various Rotary Club events.

The Club was a member of Inner Wheel District 80 (Tasmania), formed on 15 June 1991, and of the Australian National Association of Inner Wheel Clubs, later called Inner Wheel Australia.

Declining membership and difficulty in recruiting office bearers caused the Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston to close on 30 June 2002.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in July 2002.

### ***1. Legal Records***

1/1	Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston Incorporated, club rules	nd
1/2	International Inner Wheel Australian National Association of Inner Wheel Clubs, constitution, by-laws and club rules	1970
1/3	International Inner Wheel, Inner Wheel Australia Inc., constitution, by-laws, district and club rules, general information	1998
1/4	Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, certificate of incorporation; correspondence re incorporation	1989-1997

### ***2. Minutes of Meetings***

2/1	Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, minute book of general meetings	1963-1966
2/2	Minutes of general meetings	1983-1986
2/3	Minutes of general meetings	1986-1994
2/4	Minutes of general meetings	1995-1998
2/5	Minutes of general meetings	1999-2002
2/6	Minute book of committee meetings	1963-1967
2/7	Minutes of committee meetings	1979-1989
2/8	Minutes of committee meetings	1990-2001

### ***3. Annual Reports***

3/1	Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, annual reports, 1964-1967, 1969, 1971, 1972/73- 1980/81, 1982/83-1989/90	1964-1990
3/2	Annual reports, 1990/91-2000/01; auditor's report 2001/02	1990-2002

### ***4. Correspondence***

4/1	Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, correspondence	1983-1992
4/2	Correspondence	1993-1998

4/3 Correspondence 1999-2002

### ***5.Membership Records***

5/1 Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, membership forms 1963-1992

5/2 Attendance book, 1963-1993/1994; attendance book, 1994/95-2001/2002 1963-2002

5/3 Lists of office bearers; elections for office bearers 1963-1999

5/4 Membership lists, 1988, 1998, 2000, 2001 and nd; induction of new members forms, nd 1988-2001 nd

### ***6.Miscellaneous Records***

6/1 Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, visitors book 1964-1985

6/2 Australian National Association of Inner Wheel Clubs/Inner Wheel Australia, directories, 1991/92, 1993/94-1996/97, 2000/01, 2001/2002 1991-2002

6/3 Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, certificates of appreciation from Camp Quality, 1986; Rotary Club of North Launceston, 1997; life membership from St Giles, 2000 1986-2000

6/4 Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, protocol for club functions, 1989; guidelines for club president, 1991; induction of a new member, 2000; Inner Wheel collect; Inner Wheel grace; flame of friendship verse; North Launceston Inner Wheel Club invitation cards; sketch of North Launceston Inner Wheel past president badge; 25 Inner Wheel logos on a sheet 1989-2000, nd

6/5 Book of pennants (14 from various Australian Inner Wheel clubs, also Inner Wheel Club of Agra, India, and Australian National Association of Inner Wheel Clubs, 1982-1983) 1982-1983, nd

### ***7.Scrapbook***

7/1 Inner Wheel Club of Launceston, scrapbook (includes minutes of inaugural meeting, charter dinner menu, photographs, newspaper cuttings etc) 1963-1984  
***Oversize item***

### ***8. Photograph Albums***

8/1	Inner Wheel Club of North Launceston, photograph album with newspaper cuttings	1984-1987
8/2	Photograph album possibly of combined function with Inner Wheel Club of South Launceston	c1987
8/3	Photograph album with newspaper cuttings <b><i>Oversize item</i></b>	1987-1996
8/4	Photograph album (commences with a small number of 1982 photos)	1991-1994
8/5	Photograph album <b><i>Oversize item</i></b>	1996-2002