

ABOUT US

WCTU - Woman's Christian Temperance Union - In Australia since 1882.

WCTU represents the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a world-wide, Christian non-denominational organisation promoting a drug-free lifestyle and Christian values in the home and community.

It is believed to be the oldest continuing non-sectarian woman's organisation in the world.

OUR MOTTO

For God, Home and Every land.



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

"Whether you eat or drink or do anything else, always do it to honour God. Don't cause problems for anyone."
1 Corinthians 10:31 CEV

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the **WCTU** is to promote a drug-free lifestyle and Christian values in the home and the community.



WHAT WE DO

- 1 Drug Education in Schools and Communities
- 2 Encourage children to make a choice to be drug-free (includes vaping)
- 3 Support women's refuges and initiatives for assisting women out of prostitution and drugs
- 4 Provide 'We Care Boxes' for victims of Major Crime - a South Australian project
- 5 Support Fair Trade and Water Projects in developing countries
- 6 Lend our voices to petitions and campaigns to:
 - Eliminate Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
 - Eliminate family and domestic violence
 - Address the concerns of the early sexualisation of children
 - Restrict TV advertising of gambling and alcohol consumption
 - Tax alcohol according to percentage in products

We believe in National Righteousness

OUR CHILDREN



DRUG FREE KIDS

By informing kids of the dangers and disadvantages of drugs, both legal and illegal, they will be able to make wise choices as they grow. Drugs alter the way your body and mind operates.

DRUG FREE YOUTH

The adolescent brain is actively and rapidly developing until about age 25, making it particularly vulnerable to the effects of substance use. WCTU provides information for youth.



HISTORY

The 19th Century was a time of great social and political change. There was a revival of Biblical faith. Men and women realised that they had equal rights. One of these rights was to live in a drug-free home. Many women came to see the crippling hold alcohol had on men, in particular. With boldness, groups of women marched on pubs, seeing in them the cause of the low living standards of many women and children.

From this activity and with much prayer, the WCTU was founded in 1874. Members signed a pledge never to use alcohol or drugs and urged others to follow. A white ribbon signified their commitment. A prominent founding member and president, Frances Willard, in the USA, called for total abstinence of both individuals and nations.

The WCTU soon spread throughout the world and thousands of women joined. They campaigned for women's right to vote

and Kate Sheppard, a leader of WCTU New Zealand, led the way when in 1893 they were successful. South Australia was next in 1894 and women were allowed to vote and stand for office in parliament. WCTU has never looked back.



BECOME A FRIEND OF WCTU



Becoming a Friend of WCTU means that you are joining our mission to STOP the use of DRUGS Australia-wide. Our 4 categories of Memberships:

- Abstainer
- Associate
- Gift
- School

To Join - Visit wctu.org.au

RESOURCES

WCTU provides information and helps honest seekers - to find ways to curb the spread of the **SAD** poisons (**smoking, alcohol, drugs**).



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