

CONFERENCES

Over the years the Corowa Branch has had representatives at Diocesan, State and National Conferences.

In 1993, Federation Year, Corowa hosted the General Conference of Victoria and Wagga Diocese. It was held at the Corowa R.S.L. Club with an attendance of 300 women.

Mrs Mona Nolan of the Ballarat Diocese was the presiding president and Bishop Brennan of Wagga Wagga attended as did Rev Fr Plunkett, Diocesan Spiritual Director.

At this Conference Peg Hanrahan retired from the General Executive after 12 years on that Committee.

Five Diocesan Conferences have been held in Corowa, hosted by that branch –

- the first in 1965,
- the second being held in the memorial Hall in 1971.
- The third was also held in the memorial Hall in 1985 and
- in the year 2000, the fourth Conference was held in the Lone Pine Room at the RSL Club.
- In 2009, the fifth Conference was held at the Golf Club.

Over the years, Corowa Branch has had representatives on Diocesan and General Committees:

- Miss May O'Brien of the Corowa Branch was the first Diocesan president in 1953.
- Mrs Peg Scot – later Hanrahan – joined the Diocesan Committee in 1977 and acted on the Committee for 14 years – 3 years as Secretary, 4 years as president, and 12 years on the General Committee – being Vice-president of that Committee for 3 years.

In 1994, Peg was awarded the **Leonine Cross** by Pope John Paul II. Bishop Brennan presented the award.

In 2007, Mrs Marion Skehan joined the Diocesan Committee and accepted the position of W.U.C.W.O. Representative on that Committee. [WUCWO = World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations]

In 2007, with the closure of the Rand Branch of CWL, Mrs Carolyn Packer – the Diocesan president that year – joined the Corowa Branch.

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LEONINE CROSS (w. Papal Ribbon) & AWARD CERTIFICATE

[“*Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*”

= For (service to)
the Church &
Pope]



[Certificate is addressed to *Dnae (= Dominae) Margaritae Hanrahan* i.e. Lady Margaret Hanrahan.]