

PRESENTATION SISTERS • W A G G A W A G G A

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live and work.



7 November, 2023

Mr Peter Thompson
Wagga Wagga City Council General Manager
council@wagga.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Thompson,

On May 31 and June 1, 2024 the Presentation Sisters Wagga Wagga will celebrate 150 years since the arrival in Wagga Wagga of the first five Sisters from Ireland. The Sisters accepted the invitation to provide Catholic education to the city. In celebrating the Centenary of our foundation in 1974, the city of Wagga Wagga gave the Congregation the *Freedom of the City*. We would like to celebrate our Sesquicentenary by planting an avenue of trees in the city.

As explained in the proposal with this letter, the planting of trees expresses the Sisters' mission focus of caring for the Earth now and into the future as well as our thanks to the community of Wagga Wagga. The suggested site marks the route the first Sisters took in 1874 to enter Wagga Wagga from Mangoplah.

Our planning committee is: Sr Susan Miller (Chair), Ms Virginia Pattison, Mrs Amelia Bright and Mr Patrick Donohue. In their development of this proposal, they have consulted Mr Henry Pavitt (Manager of Parks and Gardens) and Mrs Fiona Piltz (Director of People and Culture). We have appreciated their advice in this process.

Should Wagga Wagga City Council approve our request, the Committee would continue to work with Mr Pavitt and Mrs Piltz or any other appropriate Council staff. We would also request an estimate of costs involved as we are happy to contribute to these costs.

Please contact Ms Pattison for any further details about the proposal and Sr Susan Miller at susan.miller@preswagga.org to inform us of your decision. Thank you for your consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,

Margaret Barclay

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Congregation Leader

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