

General information re our tree posted on Facebook page October 8th 2021

Today SI Adelaide celebrated 100 years of Soroptimist International by planting a tree in Veale Gardens, South Terrace Adelaide, opposite the home of National Council of Women.

This is a special location for our club, as SI Adelaide affiliated with NCW in 1950, and SI Adelaide has met at NCW for many years. Club President Sharon Norton welcomed guests and spoke of the significance of the occasion and thanked Martin Cook, Principal Parklands Planner, Adelaide City Council, for his generous support and guidance through the planning of this event. We later learned that Anthony also from ACC, has been nurturing this tree, a Chinese Mahogany *Toona Sinensis*, for several years and will nurture it through the upcoming summer. Pat Ellis, a member for 35 years, spoke about the history of Soroptimist International and some of the work undertaken by SI Adelaide over the years.

Following her speech, Pat unveiled the beautiful plaque on the adjacent seat and with Anthony's help, we planted our tree.

How blessed we were to have such a bright, sunshiny day. Following our simple ceremony, we adjourned to Rydges further down South Tce, for lunch and friendship. Marrion spoke about the club's work through Birthing in the Pacific and the wonderful midwives we met during this project, as they have grown personally and professionally, during their upskilling study at Flinders Uni....with thanks to Pat Ellis, who was our initial contact.

Thank you so much to the Soroptimist members from other clubs who came today, to help us celebrate our special day.