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STEWARDS and VOLUNTEERS

Chief Steward Anne McGill already has a great list of wonderful IWA members who have offered to be a part of our team of friendly helpers. Anne would love to hear from you too, because YOU will add value to our team!

HOME HOSTING

Thank you to those who have contacted Pam Watkins and offered to Home Host visiting IW members. It is not too late to contact Pam and become involved in this very special gesture of friendship.



This event is being hosted by all Inner Wheel Australia members on behalf of IIW at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Your Local Convention Committee. Lorraine, Anne, Marg, Pam and Val, are looking forward to YOU being a part of our Aussie convention team, welcoming Inner Wheel friends from around the globe..

Early Bird Registration closes in October 2017. That is this year!

Great value all inclusive Early Bird Registration Fee \$AUD 715

Standard Registration Fee \$AUD 815, so why not register early?

REGISTRATION OPENS IN FEBRUARY 2017...Not long now! Every Club will receive one copy of the Registration Form and Booklet. Additional copies may be downloaded from the convention website.



Aim to be there 11th - 14th April 2018.



From the Desk
of the President of
IWA
JANUARY 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Here we are again, at the beginning of yet another New Year. As we reflect on the past year my wish is, there are many happy, fun filled memories surrounding you. Many of us took on new positions which may have seemed a challenge in the beginning, I trust you are now feeling more comfortable with those challenges and finding the outcomes are more than worth the concerns which first presented themselves to you.

All clubs will be finalising positions for the upcoming Inner Wheel year I hope you all take on board, that membership has responsibilities of which keeping your club running smoothly is a big part.

We are all well rested and ready to face what this year of 2017 will bring in our UNIQUE organisation of Inner Wheel.

I have managed to get a few weeks to recharge the batteries and hopefully keep me sparking for the remainder of this year as your IWA President.

I had the privilege of meeting with the ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Otumoetai on the North Island of New Zealand on the 10th January for our IIW Day. It was a privilege to celebrate with women I had never met before and yet to feel so much a part of their club. Another very special part of Inner wheel. I had taken a friend of mine with me, who I am hoping will join with these ladies at their next meeting, and become a member of that club.

Where are we heading in this new calendar year? I know I have many visits to make in the next months and am sure you all have as many plans as I. Let us all be aware that we have things that need doing, along with those we really want and have planned to do, sometimes we overlook the mundane in our efforts and our enthusiasm to get to the finish.

I know Sec Chris has been in touch with all the clubs to ascertain whether you have all received your voting papers for International Inner Wheel. Please let her know if you have not had that envelope with all the information in it. It does **not** come via email and should be with **all** clubs now.

EARTHQUAKE KAIKOURA NZ

I have been in communication with IWNZ President Joanne regarding the Kaikoura earthquake as I have had enquiries as to whether IWA has any plans to help in this area. I can now tell you that the District Chairman in NZ298 will be taking a report to their National Governing Body in March where a decision will be made.

They are hoping to put their effort into outlying areas which seem to be overlooked when a tourist area is hit in this way. I think the most efficient way for us, here in Australia, to help with this and to save on bank transfer fees, would be for any club, district or personal gift to go to IWA Treasurer Robyn and let her send the total in one lump sum. It would be really great if we could help in some small way.

Wishing all a terrific future 6 months.

Marilyn

IWA President 2016-2017



HOME HOSTING UPDATE

With the Registration for the IIW Convention due online any day, April 11-14 2018 is now very much a reality.

Thank you to the many members who have confirmed their willingness to Home Host a Delegate/s attending the Convention. I appreciate your offer.

If however you have not yet returned your **Host Information Form** could you please send it to me ASAP at watkins31@fastmail.com.au

Let us show the International Delegates a warm welcome and friendship they will never forget.

Pam Watkins
Home Hosting Coordinator



A80

Burnie

President: Elayne Ransley

The club celebrated Christmas at the Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden and Inner Wheel Day with a Pizza Night at the home of Perina and David Kentish. Members will be catering for the Somerset and Wynyard Rotarians after the Rotary Club of Somerset Australia Day Fiesta.



Mother Christmas Sharon Broomhall and assistant Patreena Ayton.

Long serving member Phyl Durston is relocating to Launceston. Burnie members extend their sincere thanks and best wishes to Phyl.

Clarence

President: Annette O'Hern

Christmas celebrations began with our annual raffle, a hamper for the whole family where we start selling tickets at the Lindisfarne Rotary Club's Trash and Treasure event in November. We continued selling tickets outside the local Woolworths and IGA. It was a great success and the funds raised were gratefully accepted by Heart Kids Tasmania.

We decided to have fun and friendship at our Christmas dinner, held at a local restaurant, with a Secret Santa. It was a great way to finish the year and plans are also well underway for a busy 2017.

Hobart Sunset

President: Barbara Hughes

In November, members and friends visited the Weston Peony Farm at Brighton. We were joined by Carole Corless, who was visiting from the Inner Wheel Club of Camforth in the United Kingdom.

Our members Christmas Dinner was held at the home of Di and Mike Vertigan and catered for by members of the Social Committee.

December saw us participate in Christmas wrapping in the Mall, an initiative of the Hobart City Council which allows charitable organisations to wrap presents for a 'Gold Coin donation'. Council supply all paper, tape and gift cards.

Kings Meadows

President: Henny Gofton

Our Christmas Dinner was a happy and well attended function and rounded off a productive year for the Club. IW Day was celebrated with lunch in the garden. Members came from around the State to attend.

Our first meeting for 2017 was our annual pilgrimage to Scottsdale the home of Henny and Larry. We look forward to this get together and thank the Goftons for opening their home each year.



Members Mavis Chugg and Roselyn Digney celebrate Inner Wheel Day.



Lunch in the lovely garden.

A80 Council Member Colleen Richey and husband Ted enjoy lunch.



Plans are afoot for our annual Cocktail Party and Bunnings BBQs during the year.

Launceston

President: Diane Oliver



President Diane presented a 50 year certificate and a red rose to a very surprised Betty Piper at our Charter Luncheon. Betty thanked members for their friendship and reminisced about the early years of our Club.

Members generously donated gifts and made Christmas wreaths to be distributed to families who would be spending Christmas at the Women's Shelter.



L to R: Bunny Anderson, Patricia Berarducci and Ellen Kontaratos make Christmas wreaths for the Womens shelter.

Also a very generous donation was given to the City Mission to assist poorer families to have a happier Christmas.

Mersey President: Roslyn Chalk

The Mersey Inner Wheel Club has been busy with community events recently, including: Home Hill Centenary celebrations where we held an activities marquee for children, joining in the White Ribbon “Walk the Talk” walk against violence, and making stars for the “One Million Stars to End Violence” project which will be on display at The Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018.

Our Christmas dinner was held in Latrobe as a show of support to the community, which was badly devastated by floods earlier in the year. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren is the recipient of funds raised on the night. A good time was had by all who attended.

Tamar Valley President: Jan Easter

At our October meeting President Gladys welcomed our Guest Speakers from Port Dalrymple School, George Town – teacher Jodie and students Jasmine and Courtney. They told us of their exchange visit to Sa-Nguan Ying school in Suphanburi, Thailand. Port Dalrymple school has been involved in this programme for 8 years. Nine students joined with nine students from Kingston High School for an 18 day exchange. They were billeted with families and attended school every day but did visit some tourist sites.



School hours are 7am-6pm often with students arriving earlier or staying later for dancing, drumming or music practice. Each day begins with an assembly with 2,500 students attending. Our students made their presentations in front of this number of students – quite a daunting task for anyone!!

A77

Boonah President: Jan Miles

It is pleasing for our members to continue fellowship with members of the Rotary Club of Boonah, firstly at the Melbourne Cup luncheon hosted by Debbie and Ray Stenton, then at the Boonah Rotary 70th Birthday celebrations dinner.

Congratulations to our Charter member Debbie Stenton who was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow at the dinner. Our Christmas break-up function was celebrated with lunch and Barefoot Bowls, again with local Rotarians.

Brisbane President: Lyn McLennan

The Club held a “Bring and Buy” at the November Meeting. The trading table was loaded with special Christmas treats. In December, Members entertained Guests at the Riverside Café at Hamilton for a Christmas lunch.



Wishart Club joined us for lunch at the Pullman Hotel in the city on January 10 to celebrate Inner Wheel Day. The Toast was given by International Board Member Beverley Crowe who also read out the message from International President Oluyemisi Alatise.

Brisbane North President: Margaret Spiller

The Christmas season saw members packing satchels with personal products for homeless women to be distributed by the Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group.

Packing satchels.



Mexicans aplenty.

Thanks to Annette Neilsen’s generosity, Brisbane North’s Christmas celebrations were much enjoyed by members at her home.

For Inner Wheel Day, our Club celebrated the IW Clubs in Mexico with a fund-raiser for Destiny Rescue at Anne-Marie and Greg Joiner’s home.

Brisbane West President: Lynne Price

Our Inner Wheel year continues to provide so much fun and information. We were delighted to have District A77 Chairman, Jeanette, join us for our November meeting.

Members have enjoyed the monthly coffee mornings, at a variety of venues, a visit to Queensland’s Government House and an evening attending a local theatre production.



Monthly coffee meeting.

Our ISO, Caroline, is using stamps, from around the world, showing women at work and play, to introduce her monthly International Toasts.

Broadbeach President: Philippa Pampel

Broadbeach Inner Wheel celebrated Melbourne Cup once again at the home of one of our members. Speakers have included Wayne Hickson (Program Manager Communications and Media for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games) who gave us an update on preparations for the games.

Our monthly coffee mornings continue. The year ended with our annual Christmas Breakfast at Emerald Lakes Golf Club. Members generously donated gifts, which were presented to the Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth.



Christmas gifts for Homeless Youth.

Bundaberg President: Beth Toft

Our guest speaker in December was the Rector of the Anglican Church the Rev. Keith Dean-Jones who delivered the Christmas Message. A cheque was presented to Father Keith towards the Dorcus Soup Kitchen which feeds the homeless every Thursday.



After the meeting we went on to the East End Hotel for our Christmas luncheon and was enjoyed by all.

On the 15th January we will join Bundaberg Sunset to celebrate Inner Wheel Day.



Sandra Meirs, Peta Fryer and Alison Rogers enjoy Christmas lunch.

Bundaberg Sunset President: Simone Mylrea

We are planning to hold our Inner Wheel Day celebration with lunch next Sunday 15th January at a local Bistro, "The Spotted Dog".

Inner Wheel Club of Bundaberg will be our guests this year and we always welcome their company. Some light entertainment in the format of "Would I Lie To You" will be included.

We are also hosting the next District Meeting in Bundaberg. As it is the 20th Anniversary of our club this year, the Saturday night Dinner will be organised around a Birthday Party theme.

Gold Coast North President: Jeanette Scott

In November we celebrated our 25th Silver Anniversary in the Galaxy Restaurant. Five of our members were presented with Charter Badges – District Chairman Jeanette Williams, Pam Woodhouse, Sandra Lister, Trixie O’Callaghan and Barbara Glerean.



Our end of year Christmas dinner at the La Piazza Rest. was a wonderful evening. We start 2017 with our Inner Wheel Day breakfast at the Ramada Resort, also in January a High Tea has been arranged to celebrate the 90th birthday for our much loved member Joan Rae.

Hervey Bay President: Lyn Keenan

Guest speakers at the October meeting were retired meteorologist Ian Crane and the recipient of the IW and Rotary USC Prize, Emma McCarthy.

December was our Christmas Party and members were joined by their partners. Guest speaker was Chloe (Rotary Exchange student) who talked about Christmas in Switzerland.

Members enjoyed a joint gathering for International Inner Wheel Day with the Maryborough Club at 'Homeware's from Everywhere'.

Ipswich President: Monica Williams

Our Christmas dinner was a Partners evening with a "Guess Who" game organised by President Monica and singing a few Christmas carols.

Donations of food and gift parcels were presented to Westside Community Care and the Salvation Army. We joined the Rotary Club of Ipswich at Ipswich Little Theatre to watch "The Final Test", a thought-provoking yet humorous night enjoyed by all.

A few of our members will be catching up at Queens Park on IW Day for a quiet coffee and chat.

Maryborough President: Linda Harris

Members enjoyed a lovely Christmas party early December at a local restaurant. The food was delicious and the company festive. It seems great minds think alike as several members and their partners wore red and white.



Red and White it is!!

Hervey Bay Club members joined us for a combined International Inner Wheel Day luncheon at the Home-ware's from Everywhere Restaurant and Gift Shop.

Those people who had not been before were impressed by the range of gifts and great food.



Port Curtis

President: Jodie Walsh

Our November meeting included the A.G.M. where our members gave great support by filling all positions willingly.

Members and Partners enjoyed our Christmas meeting and our support went to our local 'ADOPT A FAMILY' appeal. Christmas themed hampers of food and toys were donated by members.



We said farewell to Club Correspondent Julie Robinson, with best wishes as she relocates to Brisbane. On January 10 we will celebrate IW Day at Spinnaker Park Restaurant.

Rockhampton

President: Lesleigh Mitcham

Club Members have been busy with Community Projects as well as having some fun in recent months. We donated old towels to Sunshine Coast Club for birthing kits and new ones to the Red Cross Walail Centre in Rockhampton.



Towels and supplies for Red Cross Walail Centre.



We all enjoyed our afternoon with Andre Rieu at his Christmas Simulcast followed closely by our own Christmas Party celebrations.

We will start the new year with an IW Day breakfast with sister club Rockhampton Sunset.

Rockhampton Sunset

President: Debbie Orr

HAPPY NEW YEAR! After the fun and excitement of our successful Capricorn Christmas Trail in October 2016, our members proudly gifted \$14,200 to their chosen charity, Wahroonga.



Some members have been assisting with Christmas wrapping for the Heart Foundation. It's lovely to see the pink shirts out in the community.

A festive evening of fun, friendship and a Santa visit made for a pleasant ending for 2016.

Strathpine

President: Robyn Engle

Our Christmas party was held at Murrumba downs Hotel, this was special as we had our partners there, everyone brought along a present to be handed out.

IW Day we are having a backyard breakfast, and as we have two new members we are hoping to make this a joyous occasion. We are still running our monthly Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings.

In March we are planning a trivia evening to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis.

Sunshine Coast

President: Meg Nagel

After hosting yet another successful 'Grandparents As Parents' luncheon, club members treated themselves to a lovely Christmas luncheon at the Caloundra Power Boat Club.

Looking forward to our Car Challenge on Sunday 15th January to celebrate Inner Wheel Day. Funds raised will go to the Cord Blood Research project.



Dr Mike Doran, IWA Cord Blood Research Grant recipient, and Dr Kathryn Futrega thanked by Kym Phillips at the Car Challenge.

Congratulations to member Cheryl Leddy on her successful nomination as Editor, IWA 2017/18.

Toowoomba

President: Heather Baker

Our October meeting was themed Happy Birthday Queen Elizabeth with British fare served, while in November we hosted the 83rd A77 District Meeting.

Also in November Club members enjoyed our annual fund raising Comedy Theatre Night. Members attended our Christmas Party in festive dress and full of great spirit, donations were made to the Base Services Soup



Christmas festivities in Toowoomba!!

Kitchen to help with meals served to homeless for Christmas.

We will all meet at Angelo's Restaurant to celebrate IW. Day.

Wishart President: Annette Bell

Members attending the Soroptimist International Brisbane South Inc. dinner event were put on separate tables, allowing us to widen our social circle and share the various projects we were working on, such as Destiny Rescue and Days for Girls.

We have benefited from the addition of new members joining us over the last year. To date we packed a 100 shields to go to East Timor.



Wishart celebrating!!

Our Christmas party will be held at Redlands R.S.L.

A76 District Report

Hello from Far North Queensland.

In October 2016, following the Australian Conference, A76 was lucky enough to have our current IIW President Oluyemisi Alatise from Nigeria, an old friend of Cairns club member Helen Robson, visit Cairns.



President IIW Yemisi with IWC Cairns President Jenny Stuchbery.

A very successful lunch was held at Dundee's Restaurant in Cairns, for IIW President Yemisi, with attendance of many members from all 5 clubs in our District, including Iris Forno, who is the oldest Cairns club member at 102yrs.



IIW President Yemisi, Lady Mayoress Clare Manning and Iris Forno.

Our November District Meeting was held in Innisfail with IWA President Marilyn Armstrong visiting our District and many club members from all 5 clubs.



Townsville Girls at the District Meeting.

Funds raised at the District meeting were put towards a loan to Ayesha in Pakistan through Kiva.org, to assist her in buying a sewing machine and raw materials for her tailoring business.

These loans are special as they assist women entrepreneurs grow their small businesses.

All clubs celebrated Christmas functions with many donating to local charities with children's gifts or food donations.

A70

Holdfast Marion President: Margaret Jacobs

In September members welcomed District Chairman Kay Haig as guest speaker and then Stephanie McCarthy screen writer and author in October.

During October the club held a Fashion Parade, which was very successful.

In November instead of donating groceries to a local church, which the club did during the year, members donated money as requested so that Christmas Hampers for local needy families could be purchased.

Members attended the Marion Hotel for Dinner in December to celebrate Christmas.

Mobilong

President: Maureen Meeres

Members brought non-perishable goods to our Christmas meeting and along with a large bag of soft toys, were donated to the Christmas Parcels appeal.



Captain, DC Kay Haig and Mobilong members cruising on the Proud Mary.

The club has also supported Operation Flinders, an organization helping adolescents suffering with mental health issues.

Our guest speaker from Food Bank, a charity providing low cost meals to the needy, spoke to us about setting up a distribution centre in our area.

North East Sunset

President: Tracey Pope

October was a very busy month for our club with 2 fundraisers a 'Girls Night In' to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness and our Shopping Day. All members and friends just love a bargain.

Christmas we walked in the Campbelltown Christmas Pageant followed by a picnic and Christmas carols in the park. Members enjoyed a great day on the Captain Proud River Cruise for Inner Wheel Day.



North East members cruising.

St Peters/Campbelltown

President: Barbara Holton



Our Christmas Meeting on 12th December took the form of a very enjoyable celebration lunch at The Lakes Resort.

Lunch at The Lakes.

On January 10th on Inner Wheel Day, many of our members joined representatives from other Clubs for a Murray River Luncheon Cruise on the Captain Proud.

And if you think we don't have enough fun, members will dine at the Bombay Bicycle Club on 22nd January in recognition of IW Friendship Day.

Tea Tree Gully

President: Jennifer Read

Tea Tree Gully held our Christmas function at the Tea Tree Gully Hotel for a Sunday Lunch and those who were able to attend had a very nice lunch and great fellowship.

The District Function for Inner Wheel was a cruise luncheon on the Captain Proud paddle boat on the River Murray from Murray Bridge. This was very well attended with all clubs represented including a group of members and husbands from our club. A great time was had by all.



District A70 Inner Wheel Day Proud Mary Cruise.

A62

Bairnsdale

President: Irene Yeats

Our Christmas break-up was at the wonderfully decorated Bairnsdale RSL, with great entertainment by LEGS (Lakes Entrances Girls Singers). Great raffle prizes concluded a wonderful evening.

Our January meeting at a beautiful Lakes Entrance setting was a very Scottish/Robbie Burns celebration. The haggis piped in by Aileen Cooker from the Sale Pipe Band with Ross Irvine carrying a sword. Helen Gottchalk providing a home made haggis, and Keith Murray carrying the Whisky. Sandy Yeates addressed the haggis. All members tasted the delicacy along with many other Scottish dishes.



President Irene outlined the life and works of Robbie Burns before closing the evening with a rousing rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne'. All proceeds of the night will go towards the District's International project in East Timor.

Berwick

President: Vicki Collier

In November our club celebrated our 48th Birthday. At the December meeting (Christmas), a cheque was presented to St John of God Hospital Berwick for the proceeds from our very successful Oakes Day Luncheon.



President Vicki cuts our Birthday cake.



Santa (David Nutter) and Rosaleen French.

Our December Christmas Brekky was held at "Little by Little" Restaurant.

For IW Day on January 10th a BBQ was held at the home of Pat Edwards.

Latrobe

President: June Nicholas

Our December Dinner Meeting was our Christmas Party with a full Christmas menu and a lot of merriment as seen by the photo. There was a multi prize raffle bringing joy to several people. Some members from the Moe Inner Wheel also attended to join in the Christmas spirit. Entertainment was supplied by a music group called Our Kinda of Country who had the room "hoppin and boppin".



To all Inner Wheel Clubs we hope everyone's Christmas was merry and bright; and that 2017 comes up to everyone's expectation.

Narre Warren

President: Fay Boulton

In November our annual Fashion Parade luncheon was a huge success and the Christmas meeting with partners saw Elize Shutt and Julie Lewis win best Christmas hat.



Christmas Breakfast.

Members who have participated in the City of Casey Meals On Wheels Programme.



At the City of Casey Volunteer night Di Heath and Jeanette Pike were recognised for their service to Meals on Wheels, 30 and 5 years respectively, especially for baking biscuit box goodies for Meals clients.

Our support for gardening and cooking programmes at the Hallam Primary School was recognised with a special morning tea. Several members attended and the children proudly took members on a tour of the garden and kitchen.

At Harkaway Primary School we sponsor an Earnest Endeavour Award to a Grade 6 pupil for conscientious and diligence effort throughout the primary school years.

Pakenham

President: Margaret Macdonald

In November members joined hundreds of walkers for White Ribbon Day and walked the street of Pakenham to send a message against Family violence. Social coffee mornings continue.

At the December meeting at Bonsai Beaconsfield, we enjoyed a demonstration on how to create a Bonsai, following up with a Christmas lunch at a local hotel.

On the 8th January over 30 members, partners, and friends biked, walked or strolled around the lake before a scrumptious breakfast to celebrate IW Day.



Members from A60, A61, and A62 met at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne to celebrate IW Day. Perfect weather and a wonderful day.

Phillip Island

President: Jan Hudson

In November, IPP Dianne Barlow visited our sister club in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia and gave a presentation on the IIW 2018 Convention to be held in Melbourne. Many of their members are intending to attend and then visit our club following the Convention. She also visited several of their current projects.



Invitations to Members of Kota Kinabalu to Convention 2018 and



We also had a lovely Christmas function at a local Dress Shop, Chatters; and raised \$560.

A Street Stall and Raffle held raised over \$600. We have also had a Sausage Sizzle that raised \$294.30 and we have another one on 28th January.



Our Annual Garage Sale raised an amazing \$1,180. We were so thrilled as it was not a great day weather wise.

A61

Boronia

President: Annie Hilliar

Our year finished with a great 32nd birthday celebration with an 80's theme. We also welcomed three guests as potential new members in the coming months. Our club and members have also contributed to catering for the District Meeting at Seymour and Glengollan Village AGM. As always, thanks to our Rotarian partners for their invaluable support.

With an early Christmas-themed November meeting we collected many gifts and food donations towards Combined Charities Hampers and finally, many members attended a relaxing Xmas Picnic in the Park, enjoying a twilight social evening together during a busy time of the year.

Shepparton

President: Bella Metzke

District A61 Chairman Margaret Ferguson and her husband Tony enjoyed our company in October. Also Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – one of our best.

Members attended A 61 District Meeting at Seymour in November.

December we car pooled to travel to Strathmerton for an enjoyable Christmas Lunch.



Shepparton members with A61 Chairman Margaret Ferguson.



January - Catered for Rotary Garden BBQ evening [most successful] raising money for Cord Blood.

Travelled to Wangaratta for "International Day". Such a fun happy day.

Wandin

President: Nola Sharp

Our November meeting included the AGM where Shirley and Wanda also showed us the art of gift wrapping.

Christmas break up was at the home of Paulette. We all participated in a treasure hunt, taking in the views and beautiful garden. Members from Kinglake Ranges joined us, Kay and Mick Morland also came along. The weather was very kind a wonderful way to celebrate the year's end.

Nola, Carol, Kay and Paulette.



Rotary gave our club the opportunity of a different type of exposure, with their Car Show. Members will be attending Wangaratta International Day and 3 members will be going to Clover Cottage.



Our Days for Girls project completed 30 kits which have been taken to Uganda by a non member helper.

Kits packed and ready to go.

The Wandin Club has supported the Launching Place Primary Schools Aerobics team for a few years now.

In the National titles 2016 they won two silver and one bronze medal.

Please note the IW Logo on their uniform top held by Faith MacDonald. Great result for the hard working students.



A60

Bendigo

President: Marlene Sullivan

November Dinner meeting held at a local Hotel, and Past President's lunch at a Restaurant both enjoyed.

Prior to Christmas we donated Hampers to charity. Again met up with the Echuca Club for Christmas Lunch in Rochester. We catered at the annual 'Carol's By Candlelight'.

Williamstown

President: Pamela Leslie

Late 2016 was a busy time for us – celebrating our 24th Birthday, hosting our major fundraiser - a Theatre evening, and welcoming Christmas at our December meeting.

IW Day – January 10, saw approximately 40 IW ladies meet at the Melbourne Botanic Gardens. Included was Obu, President of the newly chartered IWC Pt Cook, Saroj, a regular visitor, and Marla, also visiting from India - all 3 sharing an instant bond of nationality as well as traditional, true Inner Wheel Friendship!!

(See Group photo on page 10.)

Whorouly

President: Glenys McNamara



A picture tells a story - bras collected by the IWC of Whorouly to be sent to the 'Uplift Programme'.

IW Day luncheon at Carol Penna's residence.



This week we

had a very successful dual luncheon. Our Member Carol Penna kindly invited Members to her home for IW Day and appropriately hosted IW. President of Pembroke, Joan Cox (90 yr old) from Wales U.K. Joan and husband regularly visitor Bendigo to see family.

Echuca

President: Lyn Stansbury

We celebrated Christmas with our friends from Bendigo Inner Wheel, meeting for lunch at Rochester Hotel. Good food and Friendship. We exchanged gifts.

To celebrate International Inner Wheel day on 10th January our Club met for lunch. Great time catching up for our first meeting of the year. Theme was bring along an item from Overseas, we covered a lot of countries, from PNG to Rwanda, Switzerland to Japan.



IW Day celebrations.

Geelong

President: Jill Graham

Geelong enjoyed a Christmas Lunch during which Ruth Thompson, District Treasurer, presented



Member Elizabeth Allan with a Certificate of Appreciation for service to the Cord Blood Program. Elizabeth is a past District Chairman, been a Member of several Clubs.

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Geelong has a large number of Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers from Myanmar, Iraqi and Syria. A very interesting talk from Diversitat, which supports Refugees settle in this area.

October Members enjoyed a guided tour of The Eastern Hub, a facility for Intellectually Disabled Members of our Community which is run by Karingal.

Irymple President: Heather Pinyon

Each year the Mildura Visitors Information Centre invite local Organisations to enter a Christmas Tree at the local centre. Irymple Inner Wheel Club contribute most years.

This year we invited members to make or donate six Hearts, each to don our display.

We used 'Hearts' because Inner Wheel's theme for the year is 'Touch a Heart'. Six of our Members erected and decorated our Tree and we were very proud of our contribution.



Swan Hill President: Wendy Witty

A day out at a small country town, with some Christmas shopping was the start of the Festive Season. The day included lunch with Members from Echuca and one from Geelong.



Lunch at Cohuna with IW girls from Echuca and Swan Hill.

We supported a Concert for Adults with Disability, donated Christmas Hampers to Families in need, and celebrated Inner Wheel day with Members from Irymple.

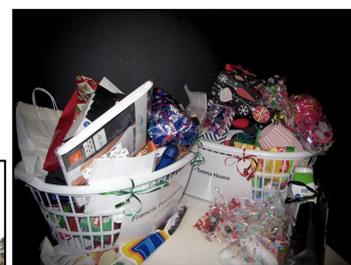
2017 started with Morning Coffee with Members and Friends. Members plan to spread the word of our wonderful Organisation.

Warrnambool President: Margaret Hutson

Christmas celebrations were held at the Flying Horse Inn, with a traditional dinner prior to gifts being exchanged from 'Secret Santa'.



Hampers for Emma House and Francis Foundation were overflowing with contributions.



relaxing glass of wine by the banks of the Mt Emu Creek.

IW Day celebrations commenced with a visit to Glenafton Goat Farm, prior to lunching at the Darlington Hotel for a relaxing glass of wine by the banks of the Mt Emu Creek.

Wendouree President: Jan Tozer

A Fashion Parade in November raised funds for Charity.

December we enjoyed our Christmas Lunch with our Partners and were happy to donate two Hampers of goodies to Uniting Care, Ballarat.



Members Adela and Carmen parading clothes.

Christmas Luncheon.



Members were invited to Rotary Christmas Break Up where Father Christmas distributed gifts.



Wendouree Members Jan, Marge, Carmen and District Chairman Barb at IW Day in Melbourne.

A wonderful day when three Members again celebrated IW Day with A61 and A62 at the Terrace Cafe, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.

Look forward to February to tour the Ballarat Art Gallery.

*'Believe in the impossible
Hold tight to the incredible
And live each day to it's full potential.'*

Alstonville President: Maree Pollock

This year the Alstonville IW decided to celebrate Christmas in style, by lunching at Down Convery's Lane Restaurant. Members and partners enjoyed an exceptional meal in the relaxed setting; the attractive table decorations were enhanced by the beautifully decorated mini Christmas cakes President Maree had baked for everyone.

Members joined Ballina and Lismore members at the Ballina RSL, for morning tea, to celebrate International Friendship Day.

Two of our long time members, Lexie Pratt and Patricia McLean have moved into Nursing Home Care in the past months. We certainly miss them from the Club.

Ballina President: Colleen Gray

In lieu of gifts, members supplied tins of fruit, etc, which were gratefully received at the local hot meal centre.

Just recently two club members, Phyllis Carthew and Joan Morrow celebrated their 96th Birthdays. They were also Charter members of our club.

We celebrated Inner Wheel Day on 10th January with Lismore and Alstonville Clubs. This was a morning tea at RSL Club, greatly enjoyed by all.

President Colleen's Christmas function was held at the home of club member.

Forster-Tuncurry President: Linda Soper

About eight members spent an enjoyable few hours at Helen Dafter's doing some beading and ribbon work in October.

Toys were donated by members to go under K Mart's Wishing tree and non-perishables were collected to go into the Neighbourhood Centre at our Christmas lunch, which was held at The Sicilian overlooking the main beach at Forster. A beautiful setting.

Grafton President: Alison Banks

Our Club spent a relaxing evening celebrating Christmas at President Alison Banks' home. The ladies enjoyed catching up whilst Allan escorted the men around some of his sheds on the property. **(Every 'Boy' should have a shed!! - Ed)**. The meal was served on beautifully decorated tables which the members assisted by providing a variety of dishes

for a lovely tasty meal with Alison's Christmas pudding. It was a lovely and friendly evening.

Our members contributed to a Christmas hamper for the Salvation Army. Inner Wheel day will be celebrated in January with an Aussie BBQ breakfast together with the Rotary Club of Grafton.

Inverell President: Ann Mason

Inverell continues to promote caring friendship, interesting meetings, enjoyment and to celebrate happy times.

Our membership is increasing and new members are warmly welcomed. Interesting Guest Speakers have widened our knowledge on a wider variety of subjects e.g. Hay Run to assist farmers in outback centres, Operating Operation Room and Craft Activities.

We hosted a District Meeting last year under the guidance of our President, Ann.

A dinner with husbands and friends to celebrate Inner Wheel Day has been organised. A couple of young people will speak of their experiences and work involvement in a developing country.

Lismore President: Margaret Knight

Our Club held a very enjoyable Christmas Dinner Meeting, the theme for the evening was to hear how some of our members spent Christmas when they were growing up.

There were some very interesting stories of growing up in England and having Christmas in a cold climate. To a member who remembered being told her father was 'Santa' but she knew that couldn't be true as he was away at the war.

Members brought along children's books on the night that were donated to the Children's Ward at the local hospital.

We are looking forward to our International Friendship Day on the 10th January when we will join with Alstonville and Ballina Clubs at a morning tea in Ballina.



Lismore, Ballina and Alstonville IW Clubs joined together to celebrate Inner Wheel Day.

Narrabri

President: Maree Keys

We experienced a different Christmas Party at President Marie's home, as we were all asked to purchase a gift from an OP. shop and not to be over the value of \$5 and to bring the docket with you.

This proved to be very amusing as each person had to open the gift given to them. Items varied from scarfs, plates, waste paper baskets, serviettes, embroidered duchess set, serviette rings, a jig saw puzzle and a thimble!!

This was followed with a delicious meal provided by the committee.

January 10th Inner Wheel Day we had a luncheon at the RSL Club.

Port Macquarie West President: Jacqui Everett

Our club had a visit from A55 District Chairman Ruth at our October meeting where we welcomed 3 new members. It was a "Mad Hatters night" raising money for Rotary Health.

November was our Christmas party at "Abundance Nursery". We collected gifts for the Salvation Army and the Women's Refuge. The Melbourne Cup luncheon held at Anne Unsworth's home was an enjoyable day.



Joy Wignall receiving her 40 year Certificate of Appreciation.

The cake and craft stall at Emerald Downs was a huge success in December.

Jane White, Helen Crossley, Sarah Avery and DC Ruth Comish.



Our friendship dinner held at Steve and Anne Maxwell home on the 10th January was a big success.

The craft ladies have been busy again making baby bundles for the mums and bubs in hospital over Christmas. We also have a Bunnings BBQ. at the beginning of January.

Tamworth

President: Margaret MacPherson

Christmas dinner was celebrated with partners and friends. An all-male church choir entertained with carols and popular songs.

Our Christmas charity envelopes gave a generous donation to the Women's Refuge.

Small Christmas trees were decorated and given to an aged care facility.

International Day our members gathered for a light lunch at member Jean's home.

Wee Waa

President: Anne Cain

In December our club joined with Rotary to celebrate Christmas. Despite the extremely hot evening, it was wonderful sitting under the stars in a beautiful country garden on the river bank enjoying a delicious catered dinner.

On January 10th a good roll up of members met at the local Nursery Cafe for an enjoyable lunch. Quite a few of our members are school teachers and January is a good time to meet.

We all look forward to the year ahead and some informal planning for 2017/2018 was discussed.

A54

Albury

President: Helen Byron

The theme for our October meeting was a Day at the Races. The members dressed in race outfits and had a great night.

A special thank you to our generous members Barb Haberfield and Lyn Quonoey for home hosting the Australian President Marilyn and some members of the District Executive.



Lyn and Marg take special treats to Meals on Wheels recipients.

The members continue to deliver Meals on Wheels with Lyn Quonoey and Marg Merk taking some special treats for the recipients for Christmas.

Griffith East

President: Helen Donaldson

District Chairman Dallice attended our October meeting which members found very informative.



Members attended the Friendship Day in Lockhart and the District Christmas meeting.

Trish Dobija, June Pattison and Sue Pollock.

A very enjoyable visit to the Coolamon Cheese Factory was held in November.



Visit to Coolamon Cheese Factory.



Our Christmas Party was held at Vitas and we have given the Women's Refuge a Christmas Hamper.

Helen Donaldson, Mary Bertoldo, Sue Pollock and Margaret Moore with Hamper for Women's Refuge.

Leeton

President: Lenore Ditton

Member Lois's daughter gave us a very interesting presentation of DAN. What is DAN? It's a Disability Advocacy Network, that aims to promote, protect and defend the rights of people with disabilities, their families and carers.



President Lenore and Secretary Sue.



President Lenore and husband Neil.

President Lenore, in "President's Time" spoke about the four levels of Inner Wheel, being International, National, District, and Club levels, which all goes to assist new members (and refresh the rest of us) of the workings of Inner Wheel.



Winning Challenge Team!

Narrandera

President: Joy Norrie

Our members recently manned a plant stall for the local Garden Club at their annual Open Gardens Walk, the proceeds are given to CanAssist.



Mary Phillips and Joy Norrie ready to serve drinks!!

Our club members celebrated Melbourne Cup day with a celebration drink and supper at President Joy Norrie's home.

Jenny Robertson organised a back to front Melbourne Cup sweep which had everyone in stitches.



Pat Hayllar and Jan Marshall.

Wagga Wagga

President: Joan Morgan

November-December has been a busy time with the proceeds from our Bunnings BBQ distributed to our local charities. A further donation was made to the local palliative care unit.

A collection of small knitted Santas was taken to the Children's ward at the Base Hospital and the sizable Christmas Hamper donated by our members went to the 'Edel Quinn Shelter'.



Hamper for the Edel Quinn Shelter.



Looks like 'Pass the Parcel'.

Entertainment by Donna.



True Friendship multiplies the good in life and divides its evils.
Strive to have friends, for life without friends is like life on a desert island.
To find one real friend in a lifetime is good fortune: to keep her is a blessing.

Yarrowonga Mulwala President: Rosemary Clark
 Chairman Dallice Robins attended the Australian Annual Conference in Warringah in October. She was very happy to attend and enjoyed it immensely.



PP Bronwyn presents cheque to Palliative Care - Yarrowonga Health.



Retail therapy!

The Leeton Challenge shows President Gwenda handing over the trophy to Lenore Ditton, President Leeton Club, after they narrowly beat us at our annual games day.



This year, while some members played board games, the others engaged in two pretty energetic games of bowling. Some innovative techniques were in evidence.

Club members welcomed our visit from District Chairman Dallice Robins where she challenged us to plan for our future as a club.



Our 2016 Christmas party was held at Novus restaurant and attended by most members and a number of guests.

Lunch at Novus Restaurant.

PP Bronwyn presents cheque to Friends-in-Common.



PP Bronwyn presents cheque to Eva May Foundation.



Cheques were presented to local charities, i.e. Palliative Care, Friends-in-Common and the Eva May Foundation at our meeting on 10th November and we welcomed and inducted two new members.



Group at Meeting and Presentations.

Yenda President: Gwenda Millard

The photos below, Brayne's1 and Tumbarumba trip are from the Yenda club's recent 'Fishing Trip' weekend away at Tumbarumba where we visited wonderful gardens, engaged in some retail therapy and enjoyed delicious food.





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A53

Baulkham Hills President: Christine Watson

Christmas time has been very busy for our club, starting with our successful Mango drive where we sold 152 trays making \$912 for our charity account.

Members and Friends went singing at Aminya, a local nursing home and finished the day at our club's Christmas Lunch where members donated to the Stockland Rotary Wishing Tree in lieu of exchanging gifts.



Our major fundraising for the season was gift wrapping and raffle at Stockland Mall where we raised \$5,600 for the Lisa Harnum Foundation.



Becroft President: Dale Taylor

The festive season is now behind us and time to look ahead to another year of friendship. Time to reminisce and meet together again.

Memories of our Christmas Party with 30 people attending. For 2016 year we had this catered for and it was scrumptious.

Ladies bought Christmas gifts for clients of the Forsight Foundation which is always very welcome.

Happy New Year to everyone as we look forward to International Day being held at Geranium Cottage, the first get-together for 2017.



Trish Wetton and Marilyn Skeggs enjoy Christmas Celebrations.

Blacktown City President: Eileen Kelly

A busy end of year saw the members involved in Gift Wrapping and a successful Christmas craft stall in the local shopping centre.

One of our members, Ellen Long, organised a sponsored Christmas Day lunch for 18 people selected from the local community. These people were from different areas of the community who would not have had the opportunity to be involved with family or friends.

A patchwork quilt was donated as a door prize. This event certainly captured the IIW theme "Touch a Heart".

Campsie President: Lyn Brudelin

Campsie Inner Wheel were quite active in the latter part of 2016 and enjoyed a day packing the Good Samaritan Boxes which we enjoy doing each year.

In November, in conjunction with Campsie Rotary, we held a Bunnings "Sausage Sizzle"

which was most successful. We also visited the Lakemba Retirement Village and provided afternoon tea for the residents.

Christmas was quietly celebrated at The Lantern Club and we look forward to celebrating International Inner Wheel Day.

Liverpool Combined President: Judith Banks

A wonderful year of fun and friendship! October we supported the Liverpool West Rotary Club at the Policeman of the year awards.



Guess who is sitting on Santa's knee?



Christmas gifts were distributed to residents of Hammondville Home. December DC Robyn Mackay and her committee visited along with the man in the red suit, and a shoe party was held – time to spend!!

IW Day was a great day with partners at Harbourside Italian Restaurant in Woollongong as organized by ISO Annemarie.

February we will support Liverpool Quota Club at a fun night at Menangle trots – lot's of winners we hope!

Nepean President: Noelene Elliott

We all attended a “farewell dinner” in October for Marusha Mulik (she joined the club in May 2014). There were lots of hugs and a few tears, but Marusha has our best wishes for her new life in Adelaide.



In November six club members enjoyed a day out in Leura. They spent the morning shopping, did a bit of Christmas shopping and



worked up an appetite for High Tea at Bygone Beautys (the Treasured Teapot Museum).

Our Christmas meeting was an evening of friendship and fine food at Michelangelo's Italian Restaurant in Blaxland. Members brought gifts which were donated to Mission Australia.

Norwest President: Clare Swann

Christmas Party held on 10 December, at member Toni and Rod Tilden's home. A fun night with trading table raising funds for the charity account.

Inner Wheel Day will be celebrated with a brunch to be held at Flavia and Dennis Rivas home 22/1/17. Members will contribute International themed food – always a good day out.

Looking forward to a busy year ahead with social and fundraising activities.

Penrith President: Bobbie Hitchcock

Christmas festivities for 2016 were held at Nepean Rowing club on the 5th December with approximately 34 people in attendance. It was a fun day filled with wonderful food, laughter and good conversation.

Under the guidance of our new President Pat Holden, we had raffles, lucky door prizes and our traditional Xmas trading table. Xmas presents were donated by club members for distribution to the disadvantaged youth in our area.

The Hawkesbury President: Josephine Dunstan

Our club has assisted in many activities over the last few months including Legacy Day, Richmond Rotary Markets BBQs monthly, Christmas Trailer Raffle selling tickets, BBQ catering at Richmond Rotary, Carols in the Park in December and reverse Kris Kringle Gift and Food Parcels for Community

Families for Christmas.

Our club purchased 2 Nurses Saddle Stools for the new Hawkesbury Living Trust Oncology Unit now opened at Hawkesbury Hospital for patients needing treatment closer to their home. One of our projects is sewing Head scarves for the women attending the unit.

We visited Dubbo for our annual November trip away for the weekend, and are now preparing for our Friendship Day with Smithfield club in March.

The Hills President: Rosslyn Bushell

The Hills Club continues to have a busy year with a mix of social and fund raising functions. A Crazy Whist night raised money for our World Vision child in Bangladesh, followed by a very successful ‘Women in Service’ dinner.

We celebrated Christmas in late November hosting an afternoon tea and Harmony Choir at our meeting venue, the Mawarra Retirement Village. Singing a mix of modern, traditional and Christmas songs, the residents left with smiles on their faces having enjoyed the music and delicious afternoon tea.



The Club's Christmas lunch was a pleasant seafood buffet at the peaceful Berowra Waters Inn. We ended the year with a Friendship morning at the Castle Hill shopping centre just a few days before Christmas.



Yum!!

West Harbour President: Val Gibson

Week-end celebrations and fellowship to acknowledge IW Day was hosted on the Central Coast, both at McMasters Beach and Wamberal, sharing with past member Jan Dorel, and Liverpool Club, Laurel Peel, a truly friendship week-end.



IW Day celebrations with good friends!!

Lots of chatter, laughter, food, and great way to start the New Year, with a little discussion about the projects and goals for the rest of the year.

A52

We have more new members...wonderful!

Gosford North

President: Susan Ward

November and December were a busy time for Gosford North Inner Wheel Club. Stalls raised around \$3,500 for local community projects.

The Days for Girls sewing team completed their 2,000th kit since commencing in 2014.

Members and friends donated 139 gifts, which were wrapped and distributed to FACS for local children in crisis.



Wrapped gifts for the Children.

Our Christmas get-together was held at the home of Chris and Andy Hiron where friendship and good food were the order of the day.

Scone

President: Jane Sullivan

The Scone Inner Wheel Club had a successful and productive 2016. We were able to make our usual donations to all four of our schools to assist with their annual student awards, as well as to nine local community groups.

Our Christmas drive with Rotary was a great success and we also enjoyed a combined Christmas dinner.



On Inner Wheel Day we enjoyed morning tea at Haydon Hall in the shade of the Wisteria vine.

Terrigal

President: Josie Doyle

Phyl Hines's death saddened us greatly. Her health declined so rapidly it shocked us all. Phyl was a Charter Member of Terrigal and PIWA President.

Phyl put fun into life, her friendships and into Inner Wheel. She *will* be missed.

Your numerous condolence notes were very much appreciated.



L-R President Josie with newly inducted members Lyn Hubble, Liz Robins, Hazel Howells, Cecily Roberts, Julie Andres and DC Kath McGrath.

A morning tea was enjoyed amongst Christmas decorations at Nancye Booth's home and our Christmas party was held at Davistown with donated 'gifts for teenagers' being forwarded to the Salvo's Appeal.

Terrigal hosted a well-attended IW Day luncheon at Kincumber, enjoyed by members from our three Central Coast clubs.

Wyong

President: Grace Taylor

In true tartan-wearing spirit, A52 District Chairman Kath McGrath, Lovise Richardson, Margaret Unwin, Sue Arthur and Pauline Gunness were welcomed by President Grace Taylor to Wyong's November District Official Visit Scottish luncheon.



President Grace Taylor (seated) with DC Kath McGrath and District Executive members.

Chairman Kath presented framed Certificates of Congratulations to many Wyong members who have each contributed forty years plus to our wonderful organisation.

We believed in the Magic of Christmas and supported the Salvo's and Camp Breakaway.

Happy Year of the Rooster 2017 to all.

A51

Balmain

President: Avana Cacciotti

A photograph report:

Connie who is turning 90 soon and contributes endless knitting.

Tony weighing ingredients for our Panciallo, Christmas Cake.



Cellos Grand dining Room, Macquarie Street, Sydney City - lunch after A51 District meeting.

Carrots - vegetable preserving in Balmain (a former boat transportation suburb), even carrot testing!

Helpers - what would we do without them! Auburn Girls High School, an Inner West Suburb of Sydney, will to learn and able too.

Belrose

President: Ros Thompson

We held our annual BBQ at Bunnings in October (and sold decorated Pine Cones there to eager buyers) to raise money for various charities.

Our Christmas meeting was in a local park which is part of Sydney's Middle Harbour - very festive.

Inner Wheel Day for us is a breakfast on the 8th January which is always a great way to celebrate both Inner Wheel and the New Year.

Congratulations to all the Clubs which chartered in 2016.

Camden

President: Pat Scott

The venue for Camden's Christmas meeting was member Nola Tegal's Art Gallery, where an exhibition featuring local artist Alan Baker's work was much admired.

A short meeting was followed by a huge raffle, in which most of the 70 members and guests won prizes.

Funds raised benefited four Camden Churches who provide help for families in need.



Whilst surrounded by artworks at the studio, are Janice Newport (Treasurer) and Pat Scott (President), who seem to have been visited by a member from the IWC Mandurah, WA.

Club members provided a sumptuous lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Northern Beaches

President: Joan White

Five members attended the IWA Conference. Several members attended the District Meeting in November and Christmas lunch.

Our Club also contributed to the local Tree of Joy which donates gifts to needy children and Samaritans Purse gift boxes.

We enjoyed a dinner at Brookvale TAFE and ended the year with a Christmas Party at a restaurant overlooking pelicans on Narrabeen Lagoon, on Sydney's Northern Beaches area.

Sydney Inner West

President: Judy Singh

Each week we are Cord blood Couriers, saving the Sydney Cord Blood Bank its transport costs. We cook breakfast every Friday for up to 100 students at an Intensive Language High School.

Each Month we cook and share meals with clients of both a drug and alcohol detox unit, and a homeless shelter.

Club Members are on going supporters of an Indigenous Programme in Alice Springs, and have purchased more purpose-built tents to facilitate the outback excursions that reconnect Aboriginal families with their indigenous roots.



Grateful locals show the goanna they have caught.

Wollongong President: Lousie Campbell

This Christmas, we have exchanged greetings and news about our Club with Inner Wheel Clubs from New Zealand, Belgium, Japan, England and Finland.

Over the past few years we have become regular correspondents. It's a great way to spread Inner Wheel friendship and ideas.



Dubbo President: Barbara Howells



President Barbara Howells has inducted four new members in the past 4 months

Two new members, two long standing members with President Barbara and DC Lesley.

All members who attended our Christmas party had a great time; pass the parcel provided us with many laughs, and it was a special way to wind up our year.

Prior to Christmas our President Barbara initiated a programme whereby we provided 19 bags of support packages to victims of domestic violence. These bags are distributed by Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre. We are looking at this being an ongoing project for our club.

Our Club hosted Inner Wheel Day for A50 District in Dubbo. Over 50 members attended. Lesley the A50 DC spoke of how Inner Wheel Day was being celebrated internationally.

Lithgow President: Kaye Preema

The International ideal of friendship was the 'flavour' when we gathered for a morning tea at a local café to welcome an Inner Wheel visitor from England, District 7 PDC Margaret Headley.



'International Friendship'.

Fifty years of membership was celebrated by PDC Gail Coates, when she was honoured at the official visit in September of A50 DC Lesley Carter.

In the ideal of friendship Lithgow members visited past members of the former A50 Rylstone/Kandos Club.

Orange President: Janet Jackson

Orange Inner Wheel hosted the District A50 Christmas luncheon at Duntryleague, a fun filled day shared with our Australian President Marilyn Armstrong. Santa Cleary distributed gifts with much hilarity.



The proceeds of a raffle were donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Our own Christmas luncheon meeting was held at the home of our

President Janet Jackson in a delightful country garden, complete with large shady trees, delightful flower beds and birds large and small sharing their landscape with us.

The ladies, as usual, prepared a delightful lunch and a joyful time was enjoyed by all.

2017 began with celebrations of Inner Wheel Day. A Club picnic lunch at Lake Canobolas and members attending the A50 Official Day at Dubbo.

Orange Minhi President: Melissah Quinn

Orange Inner Wheel Minhi has been promoting "Ask me about Inner Wheel" at the Orange East Markets. We also provided lucky dips and had a photo booth with funny costumes for everyone's enjoyment.

This stall demonstrated great teamwork amongst our members. We are currently running a slice drive and are hoping to contribute the profits to the Bowen Basketball team for team shirts for disadvantaged youth.

We have also seen our contributions provide school resources to the children and Teachers at the Barbara Parkins, Kisaru Nkera Initiative in Kenya.



We are looking forward to seeing Santa at our Mini Golf and Barefoot Bowls Christmas lunch in December.

Next year we are planning a BBQ outside a large retailer, a Movie Night and a Trivia Night.

A40

Once again District A40 had a stand at the "Have a Go Day" on the 9th November. We shared the tent with CWA, Drill Dance, Swimming WA and Conservation Volunteers. The weather was perfect but not so many people as previous years and possibly not in such a prominent place.



L-R Members Pam Lyons, Claire Brockway, Anne Nedkoff, Maureen Betts, Tish Darch and Libby Woods.

We attracted quite a lot of interest however, quite a number of ladies came back for another chat. All went away knowing a great deal about Inner Wheel. Most took away pamphlets, brochures and Inner Wheel bags and contact details for clubs in their area. We had seven members tending the stand and all enjoyed the day meeting some very interesting people.

The general consensus is that even if we do not get any new members from the day, we are at least promoting ourselves in a good way.

Avon **President: Debbie Hughes**

November 24th saw us meet in fellowship and friendship at President Debbie Hughes house. Debbie and husband Des provided a lovely festive venue.



Happy Members!

We had a great Christmas spread with prawns, meats and a variety of salads and desserts.

Everyone dressed in Christmas cheer and Santa arrived after dinner to have everyone sit on his lap and receive a present. The evening ended with Debbie singing and entertaining us, a few were brave enough to dance.

Geraldton **President: Helen Harrison**

One thing we have learnt for sure is that there are some AWESOME cooks amongst IW Gero members. For our first Christmas together the main course was yummy BUT just look at the sweets.



Secretary, Sarah Whitmarsh, is not only a wiz on computer but her culinary skills are amazing - Chocolate Pavlova (no less) and Sticky Date Pudding to die for.

There was lots of sharing and taking turns to get to the table.

Gosnells **President: Josie Jamieson**

At our December meeting the club presented Ray Smith with a cheque for the Gosnells Men's Shed. He had previously spoken to us on the work at the Shed.



Ray Smith and his wife Lois.



IW Day Breakfast.

Members celebrated Inner Wheel day with a very tasty breakfast at the Pagoda Restaurant. A lovely time with lots of friendship.

Kalamunda **President: Heather Long**

Our November meeting talk was about the Bayeux Tapestry with a great poem of the Battle of Hastings and a social event to the Art Centre in Mundaring.

The December Christmas Market in Kalamunda bought a lot of people in and our raffle was a great



success, proceeds went to the Women's Refuge. Christmas dinner meeting was great fun with the Left, Right game with the Christmas presents and a social morning tea at Dawson's Nursery.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder President: Heather Lavery

Our Birthday Meeting was celebrated with A40 Chairman Carol inducting our newest member Carol.

Carol gave a very interesting talk of her family and one of our guests found she was from the same family line. This created a lot of excitement.



Fun and games organised by Sue Gianni were in order for our Christmas Dinner with partners and prospective members. Fines Mistress Vicki managed to fine many including partners to add to our coffers.

Karrinyup President: Anne Nedkoff

With the arrival of summer and the need for members to update their wardrobes, the club held a successful Postie Fashions afternoon in November.

The success of the event resulted in not only new summer outfits but a boost to the charity account.



Fellowship after the meeting.

Members also enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch at a restaurant in the beautiful Swan Valley. This was a great opportunity for all members, partners and guests to spread the joy of Christmas.

Mandurah President: Cally Ellis

Our Christmas Party was held on our Club Night and some ladies surprised members by doing special Christmas decorations for the table which the ladies could take home. This was in the form of a chocolate Santa with his sleigh of various chocolate bars tied on with a red ribbon – quite effective!

IW Day we had a breakfast at the home of Joan and John Clancy. 29 people attended and all had a wonderful morning.

Melville President: Jean McKinnon

Due to our regular morning tea venue closing, we were forced to find alternatives. Thanks to Glo and Judy, we held our get together at Parkland Villas. This was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were able to attend.

Melville Cares representative, El Bennett, attended our Christmas wind up and gratefully received our cheque from our money raisers.

This will be used in the Melville District to help spread cheer and improve the life of our elderly.



Rossmoyne President: Joy Kingham

At our IW October meeting we had Carol Franklin, A40 District Chairman visit. Her life story was enjoyable. We also welcomed two guests, new members maybe to join our club.



November 5th members enjoyed the movie “Light between the Oceans” and also raised some funds for our club.

Christmas was celebrated at our December meeting, lots of fun and festive food.



Sunday 8th January 2017 again we enjoyed IW Day Breakfast together at lovely Heathcote Park.

Scarborough President: Maureen Stubbs

We have just celebrated IW day at a lovely Luncheon hosted by the Whitfords Club. Members from several A40 clubs attended enjoying the food and socialising with other people.



Scarborough ladies at play!

Our year ended beautifully with a successful theatre night, and Swapmart stall to raise funds which we have now distributed.

We had two Lunches to celebrate the festive season and our last very informative speaker was from a Women’s Refuge.

Swan Valley President: Geraldine Allen

At our December meeting – we had a double celebration with Turkey, etc, for our Christmas Dinner and as one of our Ladies was getting married on the

Friday before Christmas, we all arrived to lunch in Wedding finery – hats, fascinators and all – with a veil and flashing sash for the Bride to be.

A secret we all kept from the prospective Bride – "who said women can't keep a secret".

Our Bride - complete with veil, sash and wedding cake!



Wann-Gara

President: Margaret Bain

It was decided not to hold a Christmas party, so a few members went to the seaside town of Mandurah staying overnight at the "Seashells Resort" and going on a "Canal Christmas Lights Cruise." They had a lovely time with two members even being interviewed and appearing on Channel 9.



Lunch in Mandurah.

IIW Day was the annual luncheon (organized by Whitfords Club) at a local restaurant. An enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

Whitfords

President: Robyn Snapp

After a quiet Christmas time, January is when we come to life and celebrate International Day with friends from other clubs. Our lunch was held as usual at the Grapevine Restaurant in Heathridge and 41 ladies from various clubs joined us to celebrate.

There was a great deal of chatter, laughter, and we all enjoyed the lovely food. We have been holding our lunch at the Grapevine for several years and they always treat us very well.



Lunch at The Grapevine.

Congratulations to the Executive of IWA 2017-2018.

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