

From President Susan...

Hi everyone!

Well, as of 1 August the IWA Conference is only 70 days away - are you coming and have you registered? Our penguins continue to work tirelessly to ensure a wonderful Conference for us all and, along with the IWA Executive, are looking forward to seeing you in Cowes.

This month we will have our first Executive meeting for the 2023/24, at Secretary Melissa's home - which just happens to be conveniently located near some beautiful wineries. What is it they say about all work and no play? Of course the work will come before any play as we have a lot to talk about and plan for the year ahead and beyond.

In doing some research about IWC Bendigo, the 90th Birthday of which I am looking forward to attending later this month, I found some interesting information which is included below.

Have a great month, see if you can Shine a Light on Inner Wheel with someone new, and keep smiling!

Did you know...

The oldest club in the world, outside GB&I, is our very own Bendigo, in A60!

An excerpt from "Friendship through Service, The Story of Inner Wheel" by Kathleen Hovey:

It was as long ago as 1931 that the first overseas club was formed. That year a Rotarian from Ballarat, Australia, on a visit to Britain heard about Inner Wheel and took details back with him to his home town. There he obtained the support of his fellow Rotarians whose President sent a cable to Mrs Golding seeking advice. Her response was prompt and supportive and with her guidance the Inner Wheel Club of Ballarat was formed, North Sydney and Bendigo following suit over the next two years. Napier became the first club in New Zealand in 1936, Port Elizabeth the first in South Africa in 1938. The first European club outside Great Britain and Ireland was formed in 1935.



IWC Sunshine Coast, A77

Members of IWC Sunshine Coast linked with the Currimundi Special School to develop a Parent and Community Engagement space, a welcoming and 'homely' space for parents, agencies and anyone in the local community. Members volunteered to decorate and furnish the area with flexible spaces, facilities for food and drink and areas for families to relax and socialise. The centre officially thanked the amazing volunteers from Inner Wheel at the recent opening.



From Vice President Julie...

As we know, an exciting event will be happening in Manchester in 2024 - the IIW Convention being held from 7th May to 10th May. Back to where Inner Wheel began 100 years ago! If you are going or are thinking of going, please email our IWA Secretary Melissa and let her know. We would like to organise something special to wear or take to the Convention and also set up a private Facebook group to keep us all connected.





Some friendly reminders from Secretary Melissa... 😊



VOTING FORMS to be emailed to IWA Returning Officer, Karen McKenzie no later than 1 September. It is important to select a Deputy Delegate in case your Delegate is unable to make the conference, despite their best intentions.

- * Clubs to email Forms 1 & 2
- * Districts Forms 4 & 5
- * Council Members Form 61



As Karen will be away during September, kindly make sure forms are sent in on time, so that your Clubs and Districts do not miss out on their vote

Treasurer's Light on Brooches and Badges...

There seems to be some confusion as to who does what when it comes to Brooches and Badges. To clarify, firstly we must look at the definition of both:

- Brooch an ornament fastened to clothing with a hinged pin
- Badge a small piece of metal, plastic, or cloth bearing a design or words, typically worn to identify a person or to indicate membership of an organization or support for a cause – Badge of Office

Basically if you want to buy a present for someone with the Inner Wheel Logo on, you contact the IWA Merchandise Officer – Wendy Bennet. If you need badges for your Club or District for new members, changeover or something special (e.g. Honoured Active), contact your District Badge Officer, who will forward the order to the IWA Badge Officer - Margaret Macdonald. BTW ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE BEING SHIPPED!!

From IPP Lynne...

It's worth repeating something IIW IPP President Zeny said in the last IIW newsletter: "Walt Disney once said, 'You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it takes people to make the dream a reality.' The reality is that the bond of friendship, activities executed and service rendered, could not happen without the commitment and support of ALL Inner Wheel members throughout the world.'

Any issues with accessing the Members Area on the website to be directed to Alwyn our Media Administrator at iiw.au.iwamedia@gmail.com

Treasurer Jenni.'s Budget Buster recipe...

QUICK APPLE DESSERT

For pastry mix:

½ Cup SR flour, pinch of salt, 1 dessertspoon butter

1 large cooking apple, sultanas & cinnamon, 1 Tbspn sugar

½ cup hot water, ¼ cup brown sugar, 1 Tbspn butter

Make pastry dough using a little milk to mix – should resemble scone dough. Roll out to ¼" thick. Grate apple and sprinkle on dough. Sprinkle on sultanas, cinnamon and sugar. Roll up and place in greased casserole dish. (I use a smallish round one). Over this pour hot water in which sugar and butter have been dissolved. Bake in moderate over (180) for 20 - 30 mins. Serve with custard, cream or icecream. Please note: we make a double batch for family of four. Enjoy!!

Spotlight on...

Special "0" Birthdays

This month sees two Clubs celebrating milestone Birthdays -Innisfail, A76 - 60 years Bendigo, A60 - 90 years

Congratulations to the members of both clubs and may you all enjoy many more years of friendship and service through Inner Wheel!

A new study shows that buying supplies for a hobby prolongs your life. Looks like I'm going to be immortal.

