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Congratulations to International Inner Wheel President Dr Kapila Gupta. We look forward to building on the 2017-18 theme *Leave a Lasting Legacy* throughout the IIW 2018 Convention in Melbourne 11-14 April 2018.  
[www.iiwconvention2018.com](http://www.iiwconvention2018.com)

## Early bird registration deadline fast approaching.....

The cost to register for the IIW 2018 Convention will increase after **10 October 2017**. Get in quick and register before the cut-off date, to secure a place at the Convention and at the most cost effective rates.

Over 100 IWA members have already registered! This is wonderful news. Now that all our Changeovers have been held and we move forward into the year of the IIW 2018 Convention, we look forward to seeing YOUR names added to the list.

The IIW 2018 Convention Committee, Anne, Marg, Lorraine, Pam and Val thank you in advance for your enthusiastic support in ensuring this event will be warm, friendly, welcoming and memorable. **\*\* Remember to buy you IWA silk scarf to wear \*\***

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# Introducing the IWA Executive 2017-2018



**President**  
**Karen Winters**  
**Inner Wheel Club**  
**of**  
**Brisbane North**

Welcome to the start of another Inner Wheel Year. We are now well and truly into the busyness of the Changeover season with both Club and District members either continuing in their roles or for some taking up positions for the first time. I am sure that you will all enjoy the year ahead, we thank you for your willingness to serve where you are needed.

This year we have an interesting International theme 'Leave a lasting Legacy' one which also offers us a few challenges to look at our involvement with Inner Wheel. For me the words of the theme sit together with last year's when we were asked to 'Touch A Heart' because I feel that when we do touch a heart we leave a little of ourselves with the heart touched, thus leaving a memory - a legacy. I would like to encourage each and everyone one to reflect on the challenge we have been given by our IIW President and spend some time at the end of the year telling each other how you see, you have left a lasting legacy in your Club or District.

I am looking forward to serving IWA as your President this year and feel honoured that I can give back to Inner Wheel as having been a recipient of so much joy and friendship, it is a privilege to be able to give back to the organisation in some small way.

Like most President's before me my focus is on membership, the retention of our existing members along with membership growth. How do we get the word out there? I think we need to get out and share what we have with others so that they too can enjoy the friendship that is so freely given, the fun and laughter shared, and the commitment to our community who are benefitting from our willingness to serve. With membership growth, in time, these new members will take their turn at the leadership of our Clubs and our Districts.

From my observations it is the Clubs that are engaged in projects, and yes they can be small, are the Clubs thriving, we have to have something happening in our Clubs to attract others to want to join us.

This year as you leave a lasting legacy please tell everyone you meet about Inner Wheel, show them how great Inner Wheel is, invite them to your social functions, your meetings or a cuppa to share the stories of Inner Wheel. We all have a wonderful opportunity this year to live out our third object which is 'to foster international understanding', attending the IIW Convention is a fabulous way to meet and engage with members from around the world. I encourage you to join us in Melbourne from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

As we now turn our focus on the IWA 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Lismore, I encourage you to come and join us so that we can help Lismore recover from the recent floods. The team in Lismore are working hard to make your visit to the Northern Rivers Region of New South Wales memorable. See you there.

Best wishes.

**Karen.**



**Vice President**  
**June Muller**  
**Inner Wheel Club**  
**of**  
**Mandurah**



Enthusiastically I am looking forward to the 2017/2018 Inner Wheel year in the office of IWA Vice President under the governance of IWA President Karen Winters.

My tenure of Inner Wheel membership may lack years – however it cannot be said this has any bearing on my commitment at all levels – Club, District, IWA and IIW.

I have attended two Conventions, 5 IWA Conferences, 3 IWA Changeovers and only missed one District A40 Meeting in the 6 years since joining as the Inaugural President of the Inner Wheel Club of Mandurah.

Unquestionably, I see the future of Inner Wheel being an extremely bright one provided collectively we work towards "Membership Extension" and the retainment of existing Members and Clubs.

The coming year as IWA Vice President I see for myself as a very important learning and observation year, one where I will personally be building the foundations for my year as President. I am looking forward to working on the Executive Committee and see a very busy involved year ahead for us all.

During the next two years my focus will first and foremost encompass The Objects of Inner Wheel, use this together with the IIW President's theme "LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY" to encourage the ideals of Inner Wheel be known in the wider community.



**Immediate Past President  
and National Representative  
Marilyn Armstrong  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Holdfast Marion**

As IPPresident, I would like thank all members for their support and encouragement during my year as your IWA President. A big thank you, also to all those who very kindly sent cards of appreciation etc. leading up to changeover. I found the challenge and particularly the journey amazing, along with all friends I have made just wonderful.

This leads to my current position of your National Representative. What does this involve? I had it in my mind that it was a liaison position between District and the IIW Governing Body.

This is the bulk of it, however, in Australia this also takes in our National Project Cord Blood Research. This year the Nat. Rep is also involved in the IIW Convention Melbourne 2018 with the responsibility of the notification to IIW of the voting delegates for our Clubs and Districts Australia wide.

I have dot pointed some important info in the hope it may be some of help.

- **ALL CLUBS** need to notify their **DISTRICT** of the voting delegates going to convention. Your District will notify the **NAT.REP** who will add these notifications to the **OFFICIAL LIST** being sent to IIW by the 11 November 2017.

- Filling in the on-line registration form and indicating Delegate is for the local organisers **only** and **NOT** enough to qualify for voting.
- **NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE** and **DISTRICT** need to know to enable IIW Administration to prepare the relevant voting systems.
- Deputies can be substituted up to 15 February 2018. Contact the Nat. Rep if a deputy is necessary, (see p. 21 Constitution for list of eligible deputies). There is no point in travelling at the last minute assuming you can vote for your club you will be disappointed.
- If a delegate or deputy delegate is in doubt about attendance, use the IIW OFFICAL PROXY VOTE HOLDER, you do not want to lose your vote.



**Secretary  
Monique Maunder  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Trinity After Dark**



Sending warm greetings from balmy Far North Queensland. My name is Monique Maunder and I am honoured to be serving as your National Secretary for the 2017 / 2018 year.

I am a charter member of the Inner Wheel Club of Trinity After Dark (Cairns), in District A76.

I would like to see the public profile of Inner Wheel greatly improved. I feel we are the best kept secret in Australia. I am hoping that with the ability for tax deductibility for our national project we can attract corporate and /or large contributions that will allow us to raise our profile while continuing the great research work. We may even be able to tap into some media coverage which would help greatly.

I look forward to our year ahead. It will be a large learning curve for myself and I would ask for your patience as I endeavour to respond to your requests and questions. Rest assured I will strive to respond to all your emails and to answer with the information you require.

I hope to see you at the Conference in Lismore and again at the IIW Convention in Melbourne. 4





Treasurer  
Robyn Gillespie  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Wagga Wagga

Well “we”, both Lance and I have survived the year as your IWA Treasurer! Between working full time, renovating a house, a busy social life, family commitments and Inner Wheel, I am not sure where the year has gone.

There has been some streamlining of duties which has simplified the workload and I hope to continue that through the next year. I perhaps foolishly made the statement “that I would not be writing out any cheques during my year”, but that has been achieved very successfully and I thank Past Secretary Chris for her assistance in this matter.

It has been great working with a wonderful team on the executive as well as working closely with National Project Co coordinator Susan, Merchandise Officer Elizabeth and Badge Officer Lorraine.

The comprehensive, colourful and entertaining emails from Christmas card saleswoman extraordinaire Liz, have been a highlight.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges this position has presented as well as getting to know so many more wonderful Inner Wheel friends and I look forward to continuing in this role during the 2017/18 year.



## Welcome to your new National Editor

National Editor  
Cheryl Leddy  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Sunshine Coast



What a wonderful honour and privilege to be the new Editor of the Inner Wheel Australia Magazine. I am now looking forward to my new learning experience, the fun and the new friendships during my time as Editor.

I sincerely thank Lesley for all the wonderful work she has put into this position, and, in particular getting this out to all members now in electronic form each season. She has worked out all the technical problems she would have had getting the magazine on line and thus saving Inner Wheel Australia members so much cost.

Now a little about myself. I was born in Brisbane and grew up in the suburb of Ascot where I was educated at St. Margaret’s Anglican Girls School undertaking commercial subjects.

In 1969 I married Geoff, a Civil Engineer, and in 1975, he was transferred to Bundaberg as Shire Engineer for the surrounding Shire. We stayed there for 30 years. We have two lovely daughters, Kellie, born in 1981 and Brooke in 1984 and 2 grand-daughters and another grand-child due in late June.

Looking back, my life with Inner Wheel began when Bundaberg Sunset Club was formed in 1997 and I became a member in November of that year. In 2005 we shifted to Kings Beach, Caloundra, and I now enjoy being part the Inner Wheel Club of Sunshine Coast.

I hope you enjoy this Winter Edition.



### Home Hosting Update

The year is slipping by quickly and as more delegates from around the world realise it the more demand there will be for Home Hosts to accommodate them. It is not too late to put your name down to Host a delegate from overseas in Australia for the IIW Convention next April. If you have been thinking about it, now is the time to do it!!

Contact me **Pam Watkins on email: [watkins31@fastmail.com.au](mailto:watkins31@fastmail.com.au)**

My sincere thanks to those members who have accepted delegates to share their home and have made contact with them, I know you will enjoy showing them around your local area and beyond and also making a new Inner Wheel friend.

In friendship,

Pam Watkins

Home Hosting coordinator



## Cord Blood Research Project

### CORD BLOOD RESEARCH

In an everchanging world there are few constants however, disease and the need for better health stays at the forefront around the globe. Watch the news, read a paper or pop on to social media where there is often a plea for assistance. Often our senses are touched evoking sadness, concern and a genuine urge to help-out somehow.

Our National Project answers this call by raising vital funds primarily as seeding grants for Medical Researchers to initiate a new project with the intent to improve health.

### COIN FOR A CORD DAY

As the world evolves so has our fundraising efforts from a national Coin for a Cord Day selling merchandise and raising public awareness to now driven by your passion and commitment seeing many multifaceted functions being organised. The trend is merchandise sales are declining and donations (functions, events, homemade goodies etc) are growing.

Raising \$125,658.68 this year is truly amazing and testament of your belief in the merit of Cord Blood Research.

A sincere thank you to all involved and a special thank you to District Coordinators and Club Coordinators, your input is invaluable.

While we can't predict the future, by gaining Tax Deductibility we as little fish now leap into the ocean of experienced Health Charities.

It's a dream come true, exciting and daunting as we grasp the breadth of possibilities ahead.

And yes, it will take a short while to settle in as we explore which key opens what door.

Can you help? We are keen to see a few more Club Coordinators as this plays an important role in the information chain.

### REMINDERS:

Gift of Friendship rose    **ORDERS STILL OPEN**  
Contact Treloar Roses Direct    ph: 1300 044 852

Dressed Bear Competition at IWA Conference -  
Lismore

Great to see lots of entries

Susan Parry.



## Conference 2017 Update

*Well ladies it is only weeks now until many of you will make your way to Lismore for the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Inner Wheel Australia Conference. The Conference Committee in conjunction with the IWA Executive has been working hard to make sure that the conference is the best that it can be.*

*However, with every event there are often little glitches. We have experienced some issues with the IWA conference emails. This has impacted on the lodgment of the registration forms to the Conference Registrar. Please note that once your registration form has been received and processed you will receive a receipt from the Conference Registrar.*

*If you have do not receive a receipt then we would ask that you resend your form directly to the registrar, Margaret Knight on [margknightIW@gmail.com](mailto:margknightIW@gmail.com) or give her a call. Please also remember to include your Club and District on your direct debit entry so that we can identify you.*

*The conference program is a little different this year but will still start with a Welcome dinner. The theme is "Everything Old is New Again" which can refer to the new friends we will make or the friend we will be reacquainted with. It can also mean those clothes at the back of the wardrobe that is now back in fashion or the recently purchased outfit from a second hand shop.*

*Our Gala Dinner is set in the Friendship Garden so something floral will fit in with this theme. We will finish with our Shades of Blue night which allows plenty of options for colour or characters.*

*If you are flying into either Ballina or Lismore airports then please let us know your flight number and arrival date. You can email these to [lismore2017@gmail.com](mailto:lismore2017@gmail.com).*

*Members of District A55 and the Inner Wheel Club of Lismore are looking forward to welcoming you to our area and showing of the many splendours of the Rainbow Region.*

Joanne Cooper and Team  
Your 2017 Conference Team





*Introducing  
International Inner Wheel  
President 2017 - 2018  
Dr Kapila Gupta*

Born on 21<sup>st</sup> August, Doctor by profession, At present holding the post of Director - Consultant at Dr. O.P. Gupta Memorial Diagnostic Centre, Rohtak

Joined Inner wheel Club Rohtak in 1991-92

Served at all posts at Club level and bagged many awards as Best President, Best secretary and other running trophies. Appreciation award from national polio Committee. Elected to District post in 2000-01 as District Editor and served at all post of District to reach the highest post of District Chairman-301 in 2006-07. As District Chairman - first to launch Website of her District 301. First to host - ICI - Incoming Chairman's Institute. Made 3 new Clubs, promoted Excursion trips.

2007-08 Got elected as National treasurer for Association of IW Clubs in India.

Elected as National President for Association of Inner wheel Clubs in India in 2009-10, served till 2010-11.

Motivated Districts to form 53 new Clubs highest Record at that time.

Took large no approx 700 IW members to Sri Lanka for 2<sup>nd</sup> South Asia Rally and played key role in its arrangements.

2013-14 got elected as IIW Treasurer-first ever from India, devoting to her duty well as IIW Treasurer & got elected unopposed for the last two years in a row to serve till 2015-16.

Played a key role as Ex officio for the XVI IIW Convention at Copenhagen 2015.

2016-17 Got elected as IIWVP, first one from India to serve in continuity at IIWEC for two prime posts.

Actively took part in Rotary activities, was awarded best supportive spouse by DG in 2000-01.

Life Member of IMA, FIAMS, MIMSA, UPCHAR, RED CROSS, FLO. President Mahila Dakshita Samiti 1997-98, 99, 2000.

First woman to Start women wing of IMA Rohtak, which is functioning till today successfully.

Was on the managing Body Red Cross Society Rohtak for many years.

Besides her knowledge of Allopathy, she has Keen interest in Alternate therapies, has learnt Reiki, keen interest in Astrology and Art of Living. Religious by nature and believer of Karmic theory as well as fond of reading on these subjects.

She has travelled in the country and worldwide to South East Asia, USA, Europe & UAE several times and is fond of reading and is a computer savvy.

Married to Rotarian P.P. Rakish Mohan Gupta, Active Rotarian, industrialist. Blessed with two children, Elder son Karan M.Tech as senior software consultant USA, married to Rashmi, MBA, blessed with two daughters Daughter Neha MBA, PGDM, Management Consultant in Canada, Married to Vineet software consultant. Both are religious and brought up with high moral values.

Dear IW friends,

IW Greetings to you all at all levels of Inner Wheel administration. Start the new IW year with new zeal, new hopes, new avenues of service and friendship with a new look and new ideas. Ideas to change the way we serve to leave a lasting Legacy.

IW is member base organisation at all levels and a service based organisation with defined goals. We realise that the world understands what IW is and what do we do. Each one of us is not defined by who we are but by what we do. IW has been around for 93 years, growing each year, so much so that this year International IW celebrates its 50th year of formation.

Whatever service work you undertake, be it education, improving sanitation or building playgrounds, senior citizen homes, do these in such a way to let the world around know your service and our strive to be the largest women's service organisation. We are changing lives of many by the service we provide - in ways large or small but we are trying - to leave a lasting legacy.

We all need to be remembered to feel that we have contributed something to our organisation by contributing to the world around us. For some this can be a driving force leading to a great accomplishment and extraordinary contribution to the mankind. But for most of us with more modest goals, what pushes us is the desire to - Leave A Legacy.

Whether you're a regular convention goer, haven't been to one in a few years, or haven't yet attended your first, the 2018 convention will be the one you won't want to miss. Melbourne is a great destination in its own right, with great food, friendly people, and many local attractions to enjoy. But the real reason to come to the convention is always the convention itself, and the people, ideas, inspiration, and friendship you'll find there.

To learn more, and save money on registration, visit [www.iiwconvention2018.org](http://www.iiwconvention2018.org)

See you in Melbourne

Dr Kapila

IIW President 2017-18



Leave a lasting Legacy  
IIW Theme 2017-18

## The International Theme explained.....

All these years, all of us have been trying to make the world know of IW and its activities. So when I was thinking over to give a Theme for 2017-18, I thought to give a theme which each member would understand why I have chosen it.

Entering into its 94th year of existence and 50th year of formation of International Inner Wheel worldwide and myself being 50th IIW President and yet even our nearest have not heard of our prestigious organisation.

Theme it self says that all through out the year we would work towards publicizing and strengthening our organization's existence. Let the world around you your friends, and family know of the service IW is doing to needy and that it is one of the largest women's service organisation.

We all need to be remembered, to feel that we have contributed something to our organisation by contributing to the world around. For some this can be a driving force leading to a great accomplishment and extraordinary contribution to the mankind. But for most of us with more modest goals, is what pushes us is the desire to 'Leave A Legacy'.

Your Legacy is putting your stamp on the future of your organisation. Its a way to make some meaning of your existence. "Yes world of future, I was here, here is my contribution".

There are many ways you can leave Legacy. Leaving to young generations are memories of good work done by us now to promote service to needy and friendship around us among members.

Or you can do more than just serve as a good role model, you can take a more active approach to Leaving a Lasting Legacy - providing a History. Research the history of your Club or District is a wonderful way to let your new member know, as well add to your personal contribution.

Your legacy grows each time you inspire others to see something through to fruition. To help guide a

a leader and keep them moving in the right direction..

If you were to leave your current post in IW today what is the legacy you would leave behind? How would others remember you?

Legacy its not bound by age, or time served. Legacy represents your way of work at each level of you in organisation

Are you putting in another time and efforts to your present post or taking time to learn at the post you are at, so it can guide you to next part of your post or your ability to influence others.

If you were to evaluate 10years of your life in organisation at its various stages, do you have enough landmarks or stories to share - about your legacy?

Legacy is about being mindful of opportunities and responsibilities.

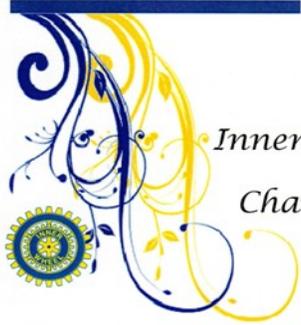
All members must take responsibility to create legacies that will take next generation to a level, we could only imagine. At each level of your working in IW, you learn how to keep creating sustainable impact and influence on community or members in the organisation.

With each step you take, you will identify new ways of creating long lasting impact of your service or communication style to tell the world around of your organisation.

With wishes for a yet another New IW Year, pledge to make a difference in the way you serve the community or your organisation Let each one of you leave an impact around you to leave a Lasting Legacy for IW.

(The three preceding articles were downloaded from the International Inner Wheel webpage - Ed)





# Inner Wheel Australia Changeover Dinner

by Karen Winters



Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> June the changeover weekend began with a fun filled evening of 'city meets country' themed Friendship Dinner. There were 114 in attendance, we all visited the photo booth to create lasting memories of our time in Brisbane and danced the night away with the band 'Benjam'.

Who could forget Lorraine MacDonald walking a thousand miles, lots of fun was had by all.

Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> June was the official Changeover Dinner with 218 attending this special night. Marilyn Armstrong gave us a glimpse of her year and the many places she had visited, along with special official functions attended and memorable, treasured highlights of her year.

Always a fabulous night of reflection and thanks.

Of course Marilyn remembered the 'Egg of Knowledge' which was so ceremoniously presented to her by Kay Morland the previous year.

So it is that the knowledge is being passed along, possibly increasing in content, and with any luck some of that wisdom will be imparted to the recipient along the way.



**Presidents Marilyn and Karen**

I take this opportunity to thank all those who sent well wishes by text message, phone calls, emails, gifts, cards or who offered hugs over the weekend and encouraging words.

I have attempted to reply to all but if I missed someone I do apologies and pass on my sincere thanks and gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

To the members of my Club and my family words cannot express my thanks for your support and care in the lead up to and during the changeover weekend.



**The Winters Family.**



**Pretty as a picture.**

**Even Elvis was there!!**



**So lay back - from the West**



## Introducing the District Chairmen 2017 - 2018



**District A40  
Jean L'Estrange  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Mandurah**

I am very honoured to know that you are all happy with my appointment to be District Chairman for 2017-2018.

This shall be my second time around as District Chairman but there have been quite a few years in between and changes to Inner Wheel have happened. It was quite exciting to see that the Membership requirements have met with success and we have a lovely lot of new friends amongst us in A40 District. This is a great move and bring new ideas and challenges into our Clubs.

The new Incorporation Laws are quite challenging to me and I will be relying on persons of higher rank than I to ensure we are all in good standing in this regard.

As we are all friends in Inner Wheel, I wish to be open to you all and available at all times should you need any help. Remember, communication is a great tool for a successful Club and District, so if I cannot ever answer you on a query I shall certainly seek direction from someone higher up.

It is great to see one of our own June Muller is to be Vice Chairman of Inner Wheel Australia and I wish June every success in her term of 2017-2018.

Congratulations should also be extended to Council member Robyn Metcalf being accepted to represent us at IWA level. Remember, Robyn is above me as she represents all friends in District A40 and is liaison for us at IWA level.

I look forward to serving you together with my Executive Officers, during this Term of Office.

### Inner Wheel Australia Conference 2017

**Lismore**  
*Heart of the northern coast*

**District A50  
Janet Power  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Blayney**



The District A50 Changeover was held in Blayney, often referred to as "the coldest place in NSW". But it did not live up to its name, putting on a gloriously sunny winter's day for the many visitors who attended from across the district.

District A50, like almost all districts, is faced with the challenge of turning around our gradually falling membership. With this in mind the meeting approved a television advertising campaign which has been the work of our Membership Chairman, Meryl Usback. This is planned to go to air in August and September on the two local TV stations and we are very excited as we wait to see the outcome. Clubs are being asked to hold community information events to coincide with the television campaign.

My two main objectives as Chairman will be:

1. To support and encourage Meryl and the District clubs to capitalise on the publicity;
2. To help to strengthen clubs by encouraging them to be planning for succession within their existing membership so that there will be women willing to take on responsibilities at both Club and District level, in order to pass on a lasting Inner Wheel legacy in Central West NSW.



**District A51  
Marion Newman  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Camden**

In the year ahead I would like to make a positive contribution and participate actively in all aspects of District A51. Having respect for each other and each other's views we will encourage respect for the Inner Wheel organisation as a whole and the objectives we advocate.

Our club may seem small or isolated but we are part of a huge worldwide organisation of wonderful women who give of their time readily to help those less fortunate. This year I hope to promote more interaction between Clubs and

encourage them to support each other's fund raising activities, be it high teas, fashion parades, Cord Blood Research events or friendship days. These activities provide opportunities for inviting friends along to witness what an amazing organisation Inner Wheel is and hopefully join us in our efforts.

I would like to encourage an exchange of ideas on how to increase our membership, but at the same time cherish our current members who have served this organisation so well, both now and in the past.

I shall endeavour to fulfil this role to the best of my ability with the help and council of those wise women who have gone before me.

**District A53  
Christine Ananin  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
The Hawkesbury**



My year as Chairman of District A 53 began on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. It was a memorable day for me as my husband, 2 daughters and a granddaughter came to celebrate with me, and they mixed with members of the district.

In August we will have a Getting To Know You Morning Tea with Spots and Stripes as the theme. I have a Tai Chi group doing a demonstration and I will be encouraging IW ladies to join them to see the benefits of the exercises. Following this we have a delicious lunch made by committee and my club, The Hawkesbury

November 30<sup>th</sup> will see us meeting our IWA President Karen Winters and in May I have a Barn Dance with a silent auction included, for my Chairman's Fund Raiser. This will be a fun night that can include any age group.

I would love to see Inner Wheel to grow in numbers rather than decline. All members of A53 are always on the lookout for a prospective members, and I am sure with the positive attitude we have, this goal will be achieved.



**District A52  
Judith Simos  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Scone**

The Scone Club hosted the District Meeting and Changeover and it was a great pleasure to welcome so many visitors to our lovely part of the country. We enjoyed catching up with members, their husbands and friends and sharing great food and friendship.

Our guest speaker Morgan Koegal, CEO of "One Girl" gave a dynamic presentation of her organisation outlining their goals and achievements. Our International Charity for the coming year is the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation.

I look forward to my challenging year ahead – not least visiting the three coastal clubs and meeting their new Presidents and members. We are hoping to host a Friendship Day later in September possibly in the Hunter Valley wine region – to replace our Presidents' Day lunch which had to be cancelled.

Also planned is an Awareness Morning Tea and the District Trivia Night for Cord Blood Research. We look forward to welcoming the IWA President Karen Winters to our District meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October hosted by Gosford North.

We are hoping all clubs from District A52 will be represented at the IWA Conference in Lismore.

The new IWA theme for this year is "Leave a Lasting Legacy" whereby we are challenged to leave a legacy by putting our own stamp on the future of our organisation. I look forward to promoting and publicising our great work within our local communities in the coming year.

**District A54  
Phyllis Guthrie  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Leeton**



District A54 Changeover was held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July and was a lunch hosted by Leeton Club. Unfortunately I was unable to attend as I ended up in hospital, however, as all the preparation had been done it went ahead without me.

The value of friendship really proved itself during my illness and I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this. Inner Wheel is a wonderful organisation where everyone pulls together in times of crisis.

As with other organisations we are always looking to increase our membership and inviting friends and acquaintances to club social events is a fun way of encouraging this.

Also, coffee mornings are a friendly way of introducing ladies to Inner Wheel aims and activities.

Inter club activities are always enjoyable and encourage new friendships. District A54 is a relatively small District and two of our clubs have an annual sporting challenge which is extremely competitive but always good fun. I think it is important to encourage friendship and interaction between clubs in a District.

I hope the forthcoming year will be a happy and rewarding experience not only to myself but to all District Chairmen.



**District A55  
Jacquie Everett  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Port Macquarie**

Considering the number of years I have declined to take on this position for personnel reasons, somehow I feel that I have finally come to the realisation that I can no longer run from the responsibility of “doing my bit” for Inner Wheel at District level.

I have a very experienced committee to guide me through and I look forward to visiting and spending time with all ten A55 Clubs over the next year.

I am a very committed Inner Wheel Member and as District Chairman the most important project for myself and the executive this year is to encourage and assist the Clubs to increase membership throughout the District as well as retention of our current members.

Time and again, the friendship and service generated by our members has proved very beneficial when needed, with the added bonus of making lifetime friends.

The second most important project will be communication, opening pathways to allow better information to flow within Clubs, District, IWA and IIW.

As the International theme for the years 2017 – 18 is “Leave a lasting Legacy” let our District A55’s Legacy be a burgeoning membership with great friendships and service to our communities, locally and overseas.

I would like to congratulate Ruth and her executive on a successful year, and bearing in mind that I have poached most of her executive team to help me, I really can’t go wrong.

**District A60  
Lyn Stansbury  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Echua**



District Changeover was the start of my year, a great day it was, lots of good fellowship with a group of ladies representing the 7 clubs in our District.

We currently have 131 members (sadly with 3 members due to retire). This, I believe is a common problem for most clubs and is the major item on the agenda for this coming year. How do we attract new members? How do we hold them interested enough to stay?

Fun and fellowship is all very well, but we do need to be active and seen to be engaged in worthwhile projects.

This will be the main focus of discussion as I visit the clubs during the coming year.

Our District covers a large area of Victoria from the Murray River in the north to the coast in the south.

I am looking forward to visiting each club to learn their plans for the coming year. There are so many different ideas as to fund raising to assist the many needy causes that are in our local communities. These are combined with the good fun and the friendship Inner Wheel is renowned for.

Best wishes to all District Chairmen for the coming year hoping they have a most enjoyable year with many happy lasting memories.

**‘Be true to yourself.**

**Make each day a masterpiece.**

**Help others.**

**Drink deeply from good books.**

**Make friendship a fine art.**

**Build a shelter against a rainy day.’**

John Wooden



**District A61  
Melba Mahoney  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Williamstown**

A61 District held its Changeover luncheon on Saturday, 1 July in historic Williamstown overlooking the beautiful Hobson Bay with its continuous water traffic of small yachts through to large cruising and cargo ships, with a backdrop of the high rise buildings of the city. Even the weather was picture perfect! Not always forthcoming in Melbourne during winter.

A61 celebrated another successful year, to name some highlights -

Chartering the new IWC of Point Cook, which makes it the third Chartered Club in the District in three years.

Having long term member Patti Stafford receive the prestigious Margarete Golding Award.

Handing over the final cheque for the A61 International Project 'Days For Girls' making a total of nearly \$23,000 raised in two years.

The District voted on the International Project to be our focus for the forthcoming two years. Links Fiji will be our focus for the next two years.

For the forthcoming year I've set the goals:

Of having a District Facebook page

Of concentrating on both supporting and increasing membership. Membership is existence! It will be interesting to learn of the outcomes of the survey run by IWA. It should act as a helpful resource for our Clubs and District.

Contribute wherever possible to the success of the IIW Convention to be held in Melbourne. It takes years of hard work to have this large event come to fruition. It gives us all the opportunity to attend an IIW Convention with it being so close to home.

This year is so action packed it's sure to fly by quickly! We look forward to being part of it.



**District A62  
Janeen Randle  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Bayside**

My Changeover was held at 'Sandy By The Bay' on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, surrounded by my family, friends, Rotary Club of Waverley members and Inner Wheel friends. It was a night with a 'Touch of Purple Elegance' and loads of friendship.

Thinking about my year ahead I have planned to focus on this year's theme 'Leave a lasting Legacy'.

Many of us wonder what difference our lives will make as we pass through this world. What's important to you? How do you want your life to touch others? What would make you proud? If you had to do one thing to improve your world, what would your contribution be? How can you leave your mark on whatever you do? Did you motivate others or inspire change? Have you taught someone? Have you helped someone?

Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than dream: work. Legacy is inheritance. Legacy is your gift to the world.

Living a life to leave a legacy is like running a baton race. The baton is in your hand you are leading the race, but because of the way you started the race, you can rest assured that you will win in the end.

Through the many projects our District and Clubs participate in we can encourage women to form friendships, be proactive, have a lot of fun realize their potential and raise the profile of Inner Wheel in our community

Maybe your voice will be strong enough to make a difference in this world.

**District A70  
Rosalie De Lurant  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
North East Sunset**



I love Inner Wheel and what it stands for. On Sunday 9 July 2017, we had a formal 'changeover meeting' followed by a gourmet bbq lunch, where all food was 'on a stick', so that we could socialize, which we did, including some dancing. It was a party.

This years International Inner Wheel theme by Dr. Kapila Gupta is 'Leave a Lasting Legacy'. I am hoping to do this by using Inner Wheel Day to raise our profile in the community.

We will be planting a 'Friendship Rose' in the garden at Auchendarroch House, as thanks for all the support they have shown us as a District and The Adelaide Hills club.

Then during January, each club will donate a Friendship Rose to a community garden in their area, somewhere we can place a plaque or have a ceremony to spread the word of Inner Wheel and the friendship to the community.

In relation to 'fostering international understanding' we have the opportunity to be part of the global family of Inner Wheel in April next year at the IIW Convention in Melbourne.

I look forward to visiting the 6 clubs in our District and delivering the message of leaving a lasting legacy by encouraging all members to do a bit more, even if you don't think that you can.

Within our clubs are kind, talented, women with great ideas, some we know and others are a little quieter. We need to get them to share, share the workload, share their ideas and leave their legacy.



**District A76  
Sandra Richards  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Townsville**

The 2017/18 Inner Wheel Year is one that I greatly look forward to as District Chair of A76.

Our district is bucking the trend and all clubs have had a slight increase in membership during the last 12 months.

Positive, happy District meetings have been most rewarding and contribute to Inner Wheel friendships and I hope to build on this.

While distance is a challenge I look forward to working with the executive and Clubs in A76 to foster friendship and support local, Australian and International projects.

Not the least is our Cord Blood Project which not only contributes to vital medical research but allows us to "hang our hats" on something significant to promote the ideals of our organization and to "Leave a Lasting Legacy".

I am a farmer/grazier with a forestry plantation that is nearly ready for harvest. I am currently involved with a forestry group to develop markets for our commodity and hope to balance my commitment to being chair of A76 with my primary production work.

My successful and supportive five children and many grandchildren inspire me to make every day count and I intend to continue working hard to try to make a difference.

**District A77  
Zelma Hanley  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Boonah**



On Saturday 15th July 2017, I became Chairman of A77 District – a very large District with sixteen clubs. It was in 2009 I had the idea of forming an Inner Wheel Club in this town of Boonah where I live, in south east Queensland. Little did I think I would become Charter President and moreso, I'm amazed to have been inducted as District Chairman.

My enthusiasm for this organisation has not waned since I had that bright idea years ago, and the challenge before me this year has me quite enthused to see membership grow and the Objects of Inner Wheel be embraced.

Women of today are quite inspiring. There is never a dull moment in their lives and no matter the age or status, many are empowered, undertaking roles which encompass the needs of those in their communities, ensuring they have Happier Futures.

To harness these women into our organisation is a challenge worth embarking upon. That is my aim. As members we need to spread the word of friendship, and advocate to the women in our neighbourhood that we can and will make a difference in our communities and across the world.

Let's Leave a lasting Legacy!

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



**District A80  
Lesley Perkins  
Inner Wheel Club  
of  
Tamar Valley**

Firstly a big welcome to the new Inner Wheel year. By now you have all successfully changed your District Chairman, President and Boards with exciting plans to continue the good work we have achieved in the past.

In thinking about this year's theme and the intention that Dr Gupta has outlined, then I can see that through our districts there can only be a positive future.

At the end of the last Inner Wheel year A80 had 8 clubs and 169 members. Some of our clubs are looking forward to inducting new members in the near future so I can only encourage them to enjoy Inner Wheel and make good friendships in doing so.

Along with actively supporting Cord Blood Research, our District has again elected to support an organisation that assists women and children escaping from domestic violence in the Solomon Islands. This we do through a school in Hobart that has been very active in this area for a number of years. Of course this also spreads the word that we in Inner Wheel not only are we active locally, but also internationally.

*Hello Everyone,*

*As your Editor for the last three years, and as 'stand in' Editor for this edition of the magazine whilst Cheryl is away cruising, I will take this last opportunity to thank all concerned for the help, encouragement and tolerance shown, whilst I have attempted to produced a magazine I hope you have enjoyed.*

*In saying goodbye, I leave you with this little gem!  
As always, take care and hugs,  
Lesley*



*'Each person  
is given the  
gift of time  
on this earth...  
to live...  
to learn...  
to love...  
and to  
leave a  
legacy.'*



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[www.internationalinnerwheel.org](http://www.internationalinnerwheel.org)

[www.innerwheelaustralia.org.au](http://www.innerwheelaustralia.org.au)

[www.iiwconvention2018.com](http://www.iiwconvention2018.com)

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