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Touch A Heart
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President
Marilyn Armstrong.

I would like to welcome you all to this a New Inner Wheel year with the International theme 'Touch A Heart'. I am sure we have all tried to reach others in various ways in every avenue of service in which we are involved.

I am looking forward to my year as your President. I know we will all be very busy in our respective areas of service either IWA, District, or our very important Clubs without whom we go nowhere.

I see our urgent area in need of attention, as being, our ability to attract and keep new members, this should be the focus of us all. As a follow on, we need our members to be willing to take their turn in running our Clubs, Districts etc., this also needs our undivided attention. I know this has been an ongoing plea to you all over the past few years, but with the demise of so many of our existing clubs, we can't let it go, if we hope to survive.

I realise there are those of us for whom the thought of standing up in front of a number of others, is really scary, let me assure you it does become easier and is a wonderful avenue for self development, whatever our age. Each step outside your comfort zone, makes it easier to take the next step. 'This I can say from experience'. We are after all, FRIENDS in Inner Wheel, what is there to be concerned about?

I am absolutely thrilled to be able to attend the Charter of the new Geraldton Club in A40 on the 20th August, amazing work done in that area, and then to have yet another the Charter of Point Cook in A61, 2 weeks later on the 3rd September, this says it is possible to attract new members. I know a lot of hard work has gone on behind this, but what a reward for those with so much passion for our Unique organisation they are to be congratulated.

As we all work to 'Touch A Heart' please don't forget to ask those with whom you come in contact, whether they may also be interested in working with you as members of our Unique organisation. We will only survive, if we ALL take that responsibility with us wherever we go.

I look forward to meeting with as many of you as is possible over the Inner Wheel year ahead.

Hopefully many of you will be able to 'Linger in Warringah' enjoying the Northern Beaches of Sydney, at our Inner Wheel Australia 43rd Annual Conference. See you there.



Vice President
Karen Winters.

I am one of five children, the only girl. I have one older brother and three younger. My husband David and I have two boys both living in Brisbane, our eldest is married with four children, twins a boy and girl, and another son and daughter. Our youngest son lives at home, no we are not empty nesters yet. My interests include reading, stitching and family. My working life has always been in administrative work. Both David and I are actively involved with our church, our boys say that we have always been involved in something, be it school committees, sporting clubs, Rotary or Inner Wheel. Our lives have always been centred around community involvement.

My Inner Wheel journey started when I became a founding member of the IW Club of Brisbane North in 2002. I decided I wanted to learn more about Inner Wheel so attended District Meetings, and IWA Conferences eventually taking on new roles within the organisation. A highlight of my inner wheel journey was leading the 2013 Caloundra Conference team, this experience enabled me to grow personally while giving me a greater insight into the workings of Inner Wheel. I feel that I have gifts and talents to offer to Inner Wheel and am grateful for the opportunity to give back to the organisation which has given me so much.

When I think of what Inner Wheel will look like in the years to come, I see that we are moving with the times, embracing technology, and slowly pulling ourselves into this new cyber age. More members are embracing social media as a way of communication, giving us more opportunities to tell others who we are and what we are doing.

I see that our biggest challenge is membership. Yes, we have an aging membership, but these are members

who have wisdom, experience, and years of service to their communities and to the organisation; we value their guidance and friendship. For us the challenge is how we engage with, and encourage others to come and join us. I know that all members want to see our Clubs grow and flourish. My hope and wish for our organisation is that we continue to work on the ideas and challenges that others have begun and that together we continue to build a strong and resourceful Inner Wheel Australia.



*I.P. President
Kay Morland.*

My job titles for this year are “as long as your arm” namely, Immediate Past President, National Representative and IWA Extension Chairman. While I’m sure you are all “au fait” with the role of Extension I thought I would touch on what is entailed in the role of National Representative.

Apart from all the usual IWA reporting requirements, the National Rep is basically the conduit between IIW and IWA and is responsible for keeping members of the IWA Executive informed of any correspondence received from IIW although these days this is becoming less necessary as emails tend to be sent directly to the IWA Secretary.

The National Rep manages the distribution of charter certificates for new clubs and the submissions for and receipt of Margarett Golding awards. The National Rep is also responsible for looking after the IIW President during any official visit.

Here in Australia the National Rep manages the Cord Blood Research Grant application process, inviting applications, distributing submissions, liaising with the assessors and notifying applicants (and the IWA Executive) of the results.

In closing I would like to thank all members for their tremendous support and say how very excited I am and how much I am looking forward to attending the charter of 2 new IW clubs over the next 2 months. The IW Club of Geraldton in WA on August 20th and the IW Club of Point Cook in Victoria on September 3rd. It bodes well for the future of Inner Wheel in Australia.



*Secretary
Chris Edwards.*

I was born at Glenelg in S.A. and still live within 5 km. My sister and I attended school locally at Woodlands. My first employment was for the Electrical Trades Union. I married my husband Terry in 1966 and started a job as Secretary to the Superintendent of Minda Home for mentally handicapped children and adults. We had two girls the elder, Rachel and younger Lara. We have two grandsons, Jude 11 and Christopher 8, in Hobart.

In 1967 Terry joined Rotary, and life became busier. I took up china painting in the 70s then changed to folk art in the 90s then to painting in acrylics and watercolour. Being a volunteer with local council for 18 years doing personal transport has also been rewarding.

I was a charter member of the Inner Wheel Club of Glenelg in 1983 and took on all positions over the 31 years we stayed together. I then joined Holdfast Marion. I became District Secretary for 2 years before taking on District Chairman in 2003.

Inner Wheel has given me many chances to meet people and learn what is happening in our community. I hope to have the opportunity to meet more of you this year, widen my horizons and help where possible.



*Treasurer
Robyn Gillespie.*

Having commenced my journey with Inner Wheel as a member of the Narrandera Club in 1987, I am excited to become part of the Australian Executive as your Treasurer. During my time with the Narrandera club I was President twice, secretary and treasurer several times and was Cord Blood Coordinator for several years.

My first foray into District took place during 1992 when I took over the fledgling A54 “Rose Garden”. These were the days of cut and paste, literally! With lots of dipping the brush into the “White Out” to cover those pesky lines surrounding the article. I have been District Treasurer and Secretary over a number of years as well as District Chairman. 15 years later A54 struggled to fill positions and I once again became District Chairman.

Lance and I have 2 daughters, a son, and have been blessed with 9 grandchildren. We recently retired from our farm, leaving it in the capable hands of our son and family. I am enjoying my time with the Wagga Wagga IWC. Whilst still working full time as Distribution Manager for a local company I look forward to meeting many more members and continuing the excellent work carried out by Past Australian Treasurer, Margaret.



*An Introduction to
The President
International Inner Wheel
Olujemisi Alatise
Nigeria.
(From the IIW Web Page)*



Touch a Heart

I was born on the 25th of December 1951. Had my primary, secondary and tertiary education in Lagos. I served for five years as a Juvenile Magistrate on contract. I attended the 110 AMP of Harvard Business School (Spouse Course). Currently an Executive Director of Family business, Tuntise Investments Ltd. A Paul Harris Fellow and a recipient of IIW Margarete Golding Award.

Joined Inner Wheel Club of Lagos in 1978 created the Children's Transit Centre for Lost but Found Children, which houses over 60 children up till date, with an average turnover of 10 children every month.

I became the District Chairman in 1995/96 and started the raft foundation of the current Vocational Centre that has trained, empowered hundreds of people with the contribution of successive District Chairmen.

I was elected as the National Representative 2008/2009 when the Vocational Centre was commissioned by IIW President Susan Nielsen.

Became a Board Director in 2010/2011 and initiated the Women for Africa programme that started the Micro Credit scheme which is growing in big capital base.

I participated in many International conferences, seminars, conventions, with many Inner Wheel members. The inter-action has taken me to the Indian Ocean of Reunion Island, Mauritius. In India, Mumbai, Agra, Jaipur, Delhi, and Calcutta. In Italy, Torino, Verona, Trento, Florence, Naples and Venice. Africa, Ghana, Cotonou, Bamako and Dakar. England, Plymouth, Bath, Somerset and Manchester. Germany, Frankfurt and Hannover.

Joint Projects: I worked with transparency and accountability with Royal Netherland Embassy, Canadian High Commission, United Nations Wives Association, Diplomatic Wives of West African countries, American Wives Association, including my Club Department of Children of Family, Miami, USA as a Home Visitor/Vendor. In year 2000, Karin Uwaje brought the International Joint project with Germany to Nigeria. Thousands of Euro have been handled and accounted for yearly. Succour to Orphans of HIV/AIDS, every year scholarship at District level. Solar Power for Idembia Health Centre at National Level. Revolving Micro Credit Loan from IWC of Tapiola Finland and many others.

My election as IIW President will also give me more opportunity to meet members in as many countries as possible. I offer my humble self to serve.

This year's Theme is taken from our second objective "to encourage the ideals of personal service".

Touch a Heart, gives birth to kindness, being generous with your time, money, resources and willingness to help. Your true wealth is the good you do in the world. Be kind to earth, honour the idea of a global community, that we are each other's keepers, ensuring safety, security, comfort, wellness, beauty and peace. Be kind to yourself, take care of your body by eating well, it goes through to the heart. Be kind with your words. Words spoken are like a broken egg, you cannot pack them back. Be careful your words do not hurt your heart and the heart of others around you.

Touch a Heart, applies to our relationship with other people, animal, plants, and the Earth. It may be offering of helping hand, patiently waiting your turn, returning a phone call or favour, or even cheerfully responding with a smile. You can touch a heart by listening, not necessarily giving advice, just listening to someone pouring emotions out, with patience. Giving someone a pat on the back, a warm hug, when there is no one to acknowledge, can give the courage to move a mountain. A wink of an eye that means you can do it.

Touch a Heart through the way you treat your environment, the trees are our lungs, the rivers our bloodstream, they are all inter connected and what you do to environment ultimately you do to yourself. Kindness in the way we handle our environment, the oxygen we breathe works through our lungs and fuels our blood through our heart.

We can give compassion through "Touch a Heart", an essential part of our life. The smile expressed by the recipient of your kindness is an experience more powerful than words. To become acquitted with touching a heart, one must be prepared to learn new things, and feel new feelings.

Touch a Heart is more than a philosophy of mind, it is a philosophy of the Spirit.

Olujemisi Alatise

IIW President 2016/2017



District A40
Chairman Carol Franklin

Let me introduce myself I am the new A40 District Chairman for 2016/2017.

I have been in this position before so I am what you would call a recycled Chairman.

We held our A40 District 100th Meeting and 34th Changeover Dinner on Saturday 2nd July 2016 with a Christmas in July theme. Great attendance numbers and an enjoyable day was had by all those in attendance.

This year I will be continuing with the wonderful work that our Past District Chairman Tish has done with bringing friendship, fellowship and fun into our wonderful world of Inner Wheel.

I would also like to see our Inner Wheel District be more involved with the Community promoting our Inner Wheel theme "Touch a Heart" and participating in all avenues that make up our wonderful world of "Inner Wheel".

I am looking forward to visiting all the Clubs in A40 District again during this year and know that we will have a wonderful year of friendship, fellowship and fun.

We are looking forward to the Charter of our newest Club - Inner Wheel Club of Geraldton on 20th August 2016 and look forward to catching up with all old and new members in attendance.



District A50
Chairman Lesley Carter

On the 25th June 2016 I was honoured to be inducted as A50 District Chairman at a combined District and Inner Wheel Club of

Bathurst Changeover. A wonderful day of good food and friendship was enjoyed.

During the next twelve months I would like to build on the momentum of the previous District Chairman Meryl Usback by attracting new members and promoting our wonderful organisation both in the traditional media and modern social media platforms.

I see as a very important factor in the growth of Inner Wheel, the strengthening of the connection between Clubs and Executive in the District.

I hope this can be achieved by the networking of Club Presidents by giving them the opportunity to share knowledge among themselves and with the District Executive.

Official visits to the eight clubs in the District will be undertaken which will give me an opportunity to get to know many more members in the District and I look forward to this. I will also be attending as many functions in the District that I can to lend my support to their fundraising efforts and increasing member's awareness of the District role in Inner Wheel.

It will be a very busy year and I am looking forward to it immensely and sharing my passion for our great Organisation.



District A51
Chairman Linda Peterson

District A51 is going to have an exciting year hosting our annual conference in October. All clubs are making sure that this will be a great conference in a great location.

We also embrace our wonderful theme this year "Touch A Heart". The theme goes to the essence of what we are about, "to encourage the ideals of personal service", which can be manifested in so many ways. Our new President Oluyemis captures it so well when she says, "Touch a heart is more than a philosophy of mind, it is a philosophy of the spirit".

So for 2016/17 we will

- grow our friendship – reach out and extend that hand of friendship, look out for the need.
- reach out and Touch A Heart whether it be volunteering a service or fund raising.
- be mindful of what's happening around the world - we are women from many countries, representing a rich variety of cultures, working together in a great common cause of international understanding.

We look forward to seeing you all here in October.



District A52

Chairman Kath McGrath

As District Chairman, I will be focusing on strengthening our four clubs. Wyong, Terrigal and Gosford North are all close by on

the Central Coast and there are close ties between members.

However Scone is at the very top of our District and is 200kms away from the Coast, and as a medium country town the members are also involved with other organisations. There have been difficulties over the years with Scone sending members to District functions, however we are delighted that two members have accepted District positions including Vice Chairman. For the first time in years all four clubs will have members on District.

I see A52 as a cyclamen. The District Executive are the leaves and our four clubs are the flowers. Each one is different, but is part of the overall beauty of the flower. Each club fertilizes their members in different ways but always doing great work.

Clubs have been increasing membership and there are still ladies wanting to join us.

Two District Extension functions are to be held again, The Red and White Trivia Night in September and next April another Awareness Lunch.



District A53

Chairman Robyn Mackey

What an honour to be Chairman of District A53 for this year. I am looking forward to working with our twelve clubs who are

dedicated and enthusiastic for Inner Wheel. They are committed to their IW projects and making a difference to their communities in an eclectic array of projects.

It is essential for our organisation to survive into the future. We must begin by identifying and analyzing the core problems as we see them. Making changes that will put us into a position to attract women of all ages who are looking to becoming involved in their community, is my goal for this year. Our March meeting will involve a forum in which ideas will be voiced by members as to how this may be achieved.

My District Chairman's Charity for the year is The Sanctuary, The Hills Women's Shelter in Castle Hill. The refuge provides services and crisis accommodation for up to 40 women and their young children seeking refuge from domestic violence every year.

I wish all National, District and Club committees and members of Inner Wheel Australia both a challenging and rewarding year.



District A54

Chairman Dallice Robins

Our District A54 changeover was a delightful luncheon event with over 70 members and guests. Guests from the Moria Shire, Rotary Club and other Community

club leaders attended. Guest speaker Deborah Wallis-Hinde spoke on our inspirational 'Kitenden Pre-School' (Tanzania) International Project. At the conclusion of her talk Deborah was presented with our districts cheque. What a treat to then be entertained by Dan Cheeseman from the Yarrawonga Secondary College. A very successful changeover.

I am filled with a sense of anticipation and excitement as I look forward to the year ahead. While visiting our district clubs, we will be discussing ideas, challenges and opportunities. I want to encourage clubs to look to the future of the district as a whole, talk about whether we would like change, something new, my commitment is to finding ways to bring our clubs closer together. There is a need to engage with each other much more for positive outcomes. It will take diplomacy and patience but any small step forward will be valuable. I am very optimistic about my year. There are many possibilities, we just need to be proactive and investigate.

*'Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend.
Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read'.
Groucho Marx.*

*'Our body cells renew themselves while we sleep;
If only our wallets would do the same'.
P.K. Shaw.*

*'Be not afraid of growing slowly,
Be afraid only of standing still'.
Chinese Proverb.*

*'The future depends on what we do in the present'.
Mahatma Gandhi.*



District A55 Chairman Ruth Comish

I joined Inner Wheel in 2009. In a very short time I became President of Port Macquarie West and now District Chairman.

District Changeover was held at Narrabri Inner Wheel club and a very enjoyable evening.

The last three years have been a real learning curve for me.

First as Junior Vice handling the badge orders and then as Senior Vice and being in contact with other Districts around Australia. A terrific experience.

I look forward to my year and visiting all the clubs in our district.

My vision for the ensuing year is for Inner Wheel to continue to grow and new friendships are formed. It is encouraging to hear from other districts around Australia that new members are being inducted and new clubs are being chartered. It is very important to remember what the Inner Wheel objects are: To promote true friendship, to encourage the ideals of personal service and to foster International understanding.

With the International theme for this year, "Touch a Heart", I hope that my charity the Hastings Specialist Service for abused women and children will help touch a heart for these women.



District A60 Chairman Barbara Mitchell

A60 Changeover was held on the 9th July 2016 at the Bendigo Pottery, Bendigo. We had a chilly day outside but had a lovely warm feeling inside the room.

As my year ahead as District Chairman has begun, I have mentally planned my approach to hopefully make a difference, but most importantly to have fun.

As I visit the clubs in A60 District, I hope to be successful in securing a Vice Chairman and Junior Vice to keep the Inner Wheel turning. Hopefully, this job will be the easiest. My main approach to this task is to talk about public speaking. For some of us public

speaking just comes naturally, but for others, like myself, I had to learn how to overcome this fear. Mind you, I still get sweaty palms and get all revved up and nervous, but I remind myself that I'm amongst Inner Wheel friends and they are there to support me, not judge me.

My other plan for my year is to have as much fun as possible and enjoy making many new friends and forming long lasting friendships.



District A61 Chairman Margaret Ferguson

My Changeover was held at the Austrian Club with MC Jnr Vice Chairman Melba Mahoney ensuring proceedings flowed smoothly.

I asked Michele Post, IWA Past Council Member to induct me as she has been a great encourager and supporter of me when I first became President in my home Club of Bundoora. Michele said she once said to me to think about becoming part of District and here I am years later being inducted as A61 District Chairman. It was such an honour and I felt extremely proud to have been inducted as the A61 District Chairman surrounded by my family, Rotary friends and of course many Inner Wheel Ladies.

There are so many great things planned for 2016-2017. On September 3, we will be chartering a new club at Point Cook and with thanks to our hard working Extension Chairman Pattie Stafford, who during the last 3 years, has been involved in the chartering of new clubs in the Kinglake Ranges and Whorouly. Pattie has also informed me that there are plans to charter two more clubs - so A61 is alive and well and it is fantastic to see and be a part of this growth.

Our theme for this year is "TOUCH A HEART" which is very special to me, having personally experienced how quickly life can change in the blink of an eye. So as we journey along the path of life may we all go forth and "TOUCH A HEART".

'To talk well and eloquently is a very great art, but an equally great one is to know the right moment to stop'.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



District A62 Chairman Lynne Davine

What an exciting time it has been, leading up to our A62 District meeting and Change-over: a night of glamour and wonderful friendship.

Our District has 13 clubs and covers most of south-eastern Victoria.

My wish for the future of our organisation is to make a difference to the lives of those who are disenfranchised and have no voice, especially the women and children of the world who are among the most vulnerable and persecuted groups in the world.

It is exciting to imagine where Cord Blood stem cell research, our National project, will take us. What a difference this will make to so many lives. Our District project is funding for research into MND in the hope that one day the world will be rid of this terrible affliction. Our District International project supports the "Alola Foundation" in its work to overcome childhood malnutrition in Timor-Leste.

We can do so much by looking beyond our own personal worlds and working together.

Let us remember that everything we are and everything we do, begins and ends with friendship and is generated by friendship.

"Touch a Heart", our IIW President Oluyemisi Alatise's theme, speaks for us all of our simple gift to all we meet, to the lives we touch through our efforts as members of Inner Wheel.



District A70 Chairman Kay Haig

This is my first report as District Chairman. We held a very successful changeover at the Murray Bridge Golf Club on Sunday 10th July. We had 116

people attend. It was a Scottish theme, with Hebridean Scottish Country Dancers and a piper as entertainment for the day.

I am married to Tom and I have 3 married children and 8 grandchildren. We have lived in Murray Bridge for 25 years.

I have been involved with the District for about 18 years, as a delegate, District Treasurer for 4 years

before Vice Chairman and now District Chairman.

I hope in the next 12 months as District Chairman that I will have a hands on role with the clubs.

I readily acknowledge that I am learning my role together with the new Presidents of the 6 clubs in SA and believe that we all learn better together.

As District Chairman, I see a big part of my role is in supporting and encouraging the Clubs with their plans for growth and retention and to ensure we all enjoy our time with each other and have fun as members of our great organization.



District A76 Chairman Margaret Townley

Greetings from Far North Queensland.

On Saturday 16th July 2016 I became the Chairman for District A76.

There are 5 clubs in North Queensland – Townsville Inc., Innisfail Inc., Trinity After Dark Inc., Cairns Inc., and the newly chartered FNQ Tablelands Inc.

This is the era of the busy woman. Women in their professional, business, and private lives have never been more productive and proactive – they have vision, energy, and the ability to be able to set directions that people can follow.

For an organization such as Inner Wheel to flourish and remain successful, we need such women, and we should recognize and appreciate their potential, and acknowledge their strengths and harness these qualities. Our organization offers women a chance to form friendships and be able to help the broader community in Australia and across the world. This venture is one of my prime goals. We can do this by advocating that we can make a difference.

There is already a common thread of friendship woven throughout our 5 clubs, and I intend to nurture this and offer encouragement to any new members.

I would like to encourage joint meetings between the newly chartered club in the Atherton Tablelands and our Innisfail club, so like minded women can interact at club level and also in their personal activities.

I am looking forward to placing faces to names at the forthcoming Sydney Conference.

I meet the challenge of District Chairman with enthusiasm.



District A77
Chairman Jeanette Williams

In July 153 members and guests enjoyed a changeover dinner with the theme “50 Shades of Pink”. This was a truly colourful event with pink balloons, flowers and rose petals set amongst fairy lights.

The members of Gold Coast North Inc. decorated the black program covers with pink scrapbook materials, each cover was an individual piece of art.

As District Chairman, I have suggested to the 18 clubs that “Charity Begins At Home”, and to help those who do not always have a voice of their own, MEANING CHILDREN, by approaching a school principal in their area asking if they have a child or children who otherwise would not be attending school camp, class activities or excursions because their family is in financial difficulty.

On average a school camp costs between \$250 and \$300 per child and my IW club has been helping children in this situation for the past 8 years.

They do not pay the full amount as the Principals prefer parents to contribute an amount as a lay-by and they also know who are genuinely in financial strife.

This way of helping touches on this year’s International Theme “Touch A Heart”.



District A80
Chairman Christine Stevens

District A80 changeover on the 2nd July was held at North Bank Boat House, Launceston with 58 members, partners and guests attending from all

eight clubs, it was an enjoyable night.

I am really looking forward to my year as Chairman, the club visits and getting to know more members and the way in which they do things.

Membership is a major problem still. To encourage new and existing members, meetings need to be well organized with a variety of interesting topics/activities and most importantly enjoying it all. I will be asking my executive and clubs for their ideas on how to increase membership.

Each of our eight clubs are continuing with their endeavours to raise money for various local and international projects while also raising the profile of Inner Wheel in our communities.

I wish all who have taken on a position at Club or District Level all the best for your year in office.

Changing of the Guard!!

**Inner Wheel Australia Changeover
 June 18th 2016**

The changeover weekend began with the Friendship dinner on Friday evening. There were 126 in attendance, not counting our Bears on Parade contestants in the foyer outside. We were entertained by the band ‘Chocolate rush’ with music of the 60’s, 70’s +, although the music may have been a little on the loud side, it did not prevent more than half of our members rearing up on the dance floor.

On Saturday evening the official Changeover, 194 attended which was amazing. This was a more sedate night with many official events taking place, including the prize giving for the Bears on Parade.

Our Past President Kay gave us a rundown on all the places she had travelled to over 12 months, with a humorous edge, well done Kay.

Table décor, food presentation and taste amazing.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who sent well wishes via phone, emails, left cards and gifts on my table on Saturday, sorry some cards got displaced from their gifts. Please take this as my sincere gratitude to you all for your thoughtfulness.

Article by President Marilyn Armstrong.



Photographs of some of the beautiful ‘Bears on Parade’ later in the magazine - Ed.

Cord Blood Research Project

**Read the Red June 2016
A Final Thank you.**



I hope that you have all enjoyed being involved in 'Coin for a Cord Day' this year. Although the figures are not yet in, I have had many comments and reports about the Club stands and functions that have taken place. I reported some of the 'happenings' on our IWA Cord Blood Research Face Book page.

Over the past few weeks I have tried to compile the history of our project – I felt that if this was not done, then our story would be lost as the years progressed.

Of course it is impossible to include all the wonderful work that you the members have undertaken – nearly 16 years of enthusiasm, imagination, hard work sometimes, lots of fun and shared friendships. A seed planted that has grown into a dense forest.

Sadly, I have come to the end of my term as National Coordinator of our Cord Blood Research Project.

I should like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the IWA Executive Committees throughout the years for appointing me to this position. It has been a privilege and an honour to have been involved with this worthy project. I should like to express a huge debt of gratitude to IWA Executive, the National Committee Members, especially all District Coordinators concerned and all members of Inner Wheel Australia who have shared this very special journey with me.

A very enthusiastic member is taking up the reins – Susan Parry, our Past Council Member from A60 and the IWC of Hamilton. Susan is a dynamic, capable, and innovative member who holds our project very close to her heart. I know that you will all give her 100% support and step into a new era for our project.

My sincere best wishes for the future of our IWA National Project – Cord Blood Research.

My humble thanks
In friendship
Anne McGill



**Introducing Susan Parry
National Co-ordinator
Cord Blood Research Project**

Welcome to a new year for our National Project - Cord Blood Research.

From attending an A62 District meeting, hearing a plea from Anne McGill for a new place to store Cord Blood Research merchandise, to later approaching Anne saying we had a large shed in Hamilton, if that helps at all. A new challenge was born!

I'm not sure I expected a yes please as the distance appeared logistically crazy on the surface, Hamilton being 300kms from Melbourne.

First priority was reassuring partner Rob, the shed wouldn't really be overly packed...mmm. That was until the first delivery arrived, two truckloads!

Second priority was transport. Wheels were put in motion to find a sympathetic transport company - enter TOLL IPEC, a godsend practically and financially. The rest is history.

Working with Anne has been an incredible journey of learning and a marvellous experience on all levels. However, the time has come to allow Anne some space to breathe life into new projects and her involvement with the IIAW 2018 Convention is a large undertaking.

The future direction will focus on innovation and seemingly crazy ideas can work if you're prepared to sift through options with an open mind. It's going to be adventuresome and interested to hear your ideas too.

Together, let's see what we can achieve for Cord Blood Research!

See you at the 2016 Conference for a chat or two.

Susan.



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17th International Inner Wheel Convention Melbourne 11th – 14th April 2018



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Our Convention Committee

Pam Watkins - Home Hosting Co-ordinator

Lorraine Hyde - Convention Treasurer

Val Corva - Convention Co-ordinator

Margaret Sansom - Deputy Chief Steward

Anne McGill - Chief Steward

HOME HOSTING UPDATE

Since the last update there has been a positive response with many more of you offering to host an International Delegate in Australia to attend the IIW Convention in 2018, thank you to those members.

In particular the Convention State of Victoria has seen many members step up and offer their homes, which is wonderful. Many delegates may wish to fly directly to Melbourne, attend the convention and then stay on afterwards so if this suits you then please let me know. Be assured that to home host you do NOT have to be registered to attend the convention.

Remember accommodation is only for up to 3 nights pre or post convention not during the convention (11th – 14th April) and at this stage we are only looking for expressions of interest, your offer is not binding you may pull out if your circumstances change in any way. You will be contacted later in the year to confirm your details.

If you are interested or wish further information please contact :-

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