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## *Introducing the IWA Executive 2018 - 2019*



*President June Muller  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Mandurah WA*

My sincere thanks to all members of Inner Wheel who helped make my Changeover in Mandurah so very special. Never in my wildest dreams would I have envisaged so many Members travel from far and wide across our vast continent. I thank those of you who have phoned me to offer support, sent congratulation cards and for the many gifts I received at the Changeover on 16<sup>th</sup> June. If I have not yet sent you a "Thank You card" or personally done so, can I do so now.

My priority over the coming twelve months is to meet with as many Members as I possibly can. I want to prioritise and embrace Membership to the fullest and I see Membership inclusion as being of utmost importance. We must unitedly strive to maintain and grow existing Clubs and to form new Clubs. I encourage Clubs to share their experiences through Newsletters, and if possible and demographics allow, by inviting Members from other Clubs and Districts to any special events you may hold.

My visits to Districts have been mainly grouped into two sections of my year – mid October till early December and early March till the end of April. I see my visits to be pertinent to your District, Clubs and Members. It is for this reason I will not be making addresses of my personal life when I visit your District so I will extend my story to you all now.

I was born on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1943 in Esperance to loving parents Gladys and Richard Kilgallon. I am one of 6 children, all girls. Sadly the 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest passed away at 15 months.

I was at this time almost 10 years. The majority of my schooling was in Merredin, in the Eastern Wheat belt area. I completed 3<sup>rd</sup> year High School, passed what was then the "The Junior Examination", was granted a scholarship to a Teachers Training College, provided I stayed at school and passed "Leaving Certificate". This did not happen, as during the holidays after the conclusion of 3<sup>rd</sup> year high, I worked on a casual basis at a Public Accountants' office. The taste of a pay packet was too great so I left school. From this time on I worked doing office work gaining much experience and skills that took me from writing up the books for the Public Accountant's clients to Ledger Machining, Debtors/Creditor duties and General Bookkeeping. Over the years I worked my way into positions of Office Management, Credit Management involving Local Court proceedings and eventually to a position of Managing Director for an International Company. Then came the time when, my husband Joe and I decided to start our own business enterprise, Gemini Florists, an Import/Export Company, and the last Company was a House-Sitting Agency which was sold prior to us retiring to Mandurah.

I have one daughter, Sharon and two granddaughters, Lucy and Amelia. I would not change my life or career, even if I had the choice. I have been blessed and know the choices I made were right for me.

I now have an enormous challenge in front of me and I will give my utmost to ensure I do my very best for Inner Wheel Australia.



*Inner Wheel Australia Changeover  
Mandurah WA*



The Changeover weekend began On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June with a Mayoral Reception in the Council Chambers. Mayor Rhys Williams made us most welcome, and it was great catching up with friends. ( I actually took this picture of the Porpoise in Mandurah ...Ed)



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Friendship Dinner held at the RAAFA Function Room. A fun filled evening.



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Changeover Dinner at the Mandurah Offshore & Sailing Club





*Vice President  
Robyn Gillespie  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Wagga Wagga NSW*

Two years ago I provided the following statement to the Magazine on my election as your Treasurer.

*“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”.*

I have enjoyed those two years immensely, particularly the opportunity it has afforded me to make so many friends throughout our wonderful Inner Wheel family. During my time with the Narrandera Club I was President twice, Secretary and Treasurer several times and was Cord Blood Co-ordinator 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. Fifteen years later A54 struggled to fill positions and I once again became District Chairman. I know that the sharing of knowledge and friendship is a two way street and now that I have been given the opportunity to become IWA Vice President, I look forward to sharing my experiences and learning from you over the next two years.

Lance and I have 2 daughters and 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 Wagga Wagga IWC.

Whilst still working full time as Distribution Manager for a local company, I look forward to meeting many members on my journey with Inner Wheel.



*Immediate Past President and  
National Representative  
Karen Winters Inner Wheel Club  
of Brisbane North Qld*

This coming Inner Wheel Year sees me move into a new role as Immediate Past President, and National Representative. I would like to commence by saying a huge thank you to all members for your friendship, encouragement and support during my year as IWA President. The Inner Wheel 2017-2018 year became one full of lasting memories, personal growth, Inner Wheel learning, new experiences and one I will never forget.

What will be my involvement this year?

- I will be involved with the National Membership Team and together we will begin work on all aspects of membership throughout IWA. While this will be challenging, it is also an exciting time for us all. My role will be to work closely with the team and report to the IWA Executive.
- In Australia, the National Representative 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.
- My role will be to liaise with IIW when we look to charter a new Club and offer support to those involved with the work in this area. I will also be involved in managing submissions for and receipt of the Margarete Golding Awards. If we have a visit from the IIW President, (and of course with our own Chris Kirby, one would hope she will make an official visit to Australia). It is also the responsibility of the National Representative to look after her during that visit.

- The National Representative is also the liaison person between IWA to IIW, and recently I was reminded that if we need to make contact with IIW, this contact should come through the IWA National Representative. Please keep that in mind if contact is required.

I recently read in the IIW Magazine a note from the IIW Media Manager, Sandra, where she reminded us that in order to keep the information on the website up to date and fresh, she requires input from all Clubs, Districts and Countries. IIW's aim is to showcase news of Service Projects from across the globe. During my year attending District Meetings, I was inspired by many of the wonderful projects that you are all involved with, but I rarely see anything about these in the IIW Magazine. Please, I encourage you to help us get the word out across the IIW community of the wonderful work you are doing. If you have any service projects to share, especially on an international level or news from your Club, then please email the content as a Word Document with separate .jpg images to me and I will send it through to IIW to showcase your contribution of the wonderful work being done throughout Australia.

The 2018-2021 International Social Project launched in Melbourne at the International Convention is '*Caring for Women and Girls*'.



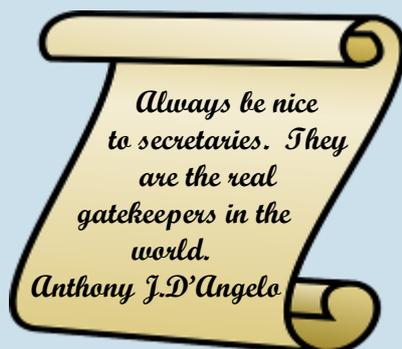


*Secretary  
Pam Lyons  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Scarborough WA*

Ladies, I am immensely proud (although a little apprehensive) to be taking on the role of IWA Secretary 2018/2019. Monique has streamlined a lot of the Secretary's work and made it readily accessible and easy to follow for which I am grateful. Thank you, Monique.

Many of you will know me from being Head Teller for the past three years. My experience with having been in Inner Wheel for 23 years now includes Past Club President, Past District Secretary, Past District Chairman and Past Council member. I love our Inner Wheel family and have made so many friends worldwide from meeting them at Conventions; my first being the New Zealand Convention back in 2006. Since then I have attended all Conventions, been to Conferences in other countries and learned a lot about how Inner Wheel operates outside of Australia by always following our three objects of true friendship, personal service and international understanding.

As this is a huge learning curve for me, I ask for your patience in taking on this new role but promise to do my utmost to *Empower and Evolve* as your Secretary in 2018/2019.



*Treasurer  
Helen Foley  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Bayside Vic*

I joined Inner Wheel in 1994 as a Charter Member of Bayside in A62. Within my Club I have been Treasurer for 2 terms, President, Secretary, Editor, Social Convenor and International Service. I have just completed 3 years as District Treasurer.

I joined Inner Wheel for friendship. Our four children had all completed secondary school and I could see my friendship network drifting away. My Rotarian husband travelled overseas for work for most of the 90's and I needed a new focus.

I certainly found it with a wonderful, warm, friendly group of ladies. Our Club decided to meet and share activities apart from our monthly meeting, so I have been a member of a share trading group, learned to play croquet and enjoy a book discussion group.

In my 'financially rewarding' working life I have been a secondary school teacher, a secondary college tuckshop manager and treasurer, a parish secretary and bookkeeper and an Aged Day Care Centre clerical support person. I am a volunteer at the local library, am involved in my Parish and a member of the National Gallery of Victoria, where I enjoy regular visits to this and many other Galleries. In between times apart from the inescapable domestic chores, I am a 'spasmodic' gardener and an avid reader.

Brian and I have been married for 54 years and our children and grandchildren are a source of joy and endless interest as they grow and explore their worlds. Together we rejoice in their achievements and support them when life's path is not so smooth.





*Introducing  
International Inner Wheel  
President 2018 -2019  
Chris Kirby*



Chris was born and raised in Sydney and is married to Rob. They have four children and four grandchildren. Chris has a Law degree, majoring in Sociology and Politics.

She joined the Inner Wheel Club of Balmain in 2000, was President in 2005/6 and A51 District Chairman, 2007/8. She was passionate about expanding the organisation and following this role she brought a number of women together being Charter President of the Sydney Inner West Club in 2010.

Her journey to International Inner Wheel commenced in 2006 when she attended the IIW Convention in Christchurch. She worked together with other members in Australia to produce the very successful proposal that was presented at the Istanbul Convention some 6 years later, opening the membership parameters to this great organisation. No longer does a member have to be affiliated with Rotary, and this proposal has helped grow the organisation it is today.

Chris continued her journey to IWA President 2013/14, International Board Director 2015/16, Vice President International Inner Wheel and IIW President 2018/19.

Inner Wheel walks proudly beside all other service clubs in serving the community. What Chris loves about Inner Wheel is that we are truly women supporting each other in everything that matters to women: our families, health, the rights of the child, education, equality, ageing, our community and when women work together as members of Inner Wheel, their friendships and other benefits come.

Chris's Theme for her year providing all members with a powerful message to embrace during her year — ***Empower and Evolve***



*The Venus Symbol*

The symbol for “woman” or female” was named after the Goddess Venus and has become the symbol denoting all things female.

The circle, or in our case the wheel, denotes the inclusive nature of our organisation. Here there is no exclusion. All welcome, and ever-expanding.

The cross (added in the 16th century) rests beneath the womb (represented by the circle in the Venus symbol). The location of the cross under the circle indicates all are birthed from an inclusive, loving womb.

On the top half we feel the openness and inclusivity (circle). Yet, on the lower half we experience a narrowing, or a “coming to the crux”. Visually you can see opening and closing, beginnings and endings, in this symbol.

Through the symbol and the theme there is an acknowledgement of the great need for women to change the world through their own empowerment and evolution.

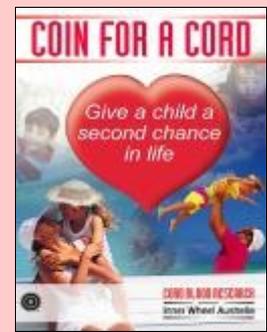
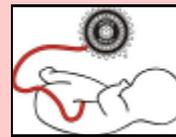
Chris's hope for the theme is to encourage our members to educate themselves about Inner Wheel by examining, honouring and learning from our Inner Wheel heritage. We can use this knowledge to ensure our growth, individually and collectively, and to enable Inner Wheel to participate more confidently and successfully. It is with this empowerment and support that Inner Wheel will further grow, evolving to adapt to the needs of today's members and modern society. When everyone moves forward, evolving positively together, great success will follow.



National Project Coordinator

Barbara Mitchell

Cord Blood Research



As the new National Project Coordinator along with my colleagues Diana Douglas, Warehouse/ Stock Manager and Marion Newman, Publicity and Promotional Material Manager, we are the new team to coordinate our wonderful project, Cord Blood Research and Coin for Cord Day.

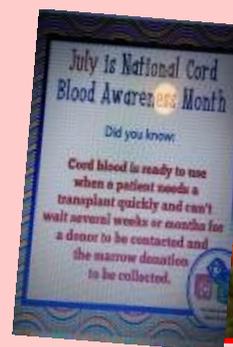
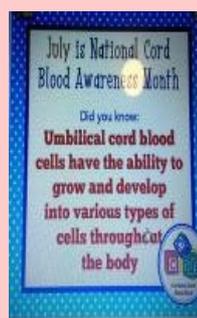
**The Future of Cord Blood: Advance Cell Therapy and Cord Blood Expansion** by Cruise Dittus, MA June 11, 2018. Research teams and Companies have been developing exciting new Cord Blood products from the expansion of Cord Blood samples. Expansion is the process by which the cells are isolated from the cord blood sample and then cultured and treated with special agents. These agents stimulate the expansion of the cell population. The agents and cells will vary depending on the type of therapy they are being used for. An average of **20 clinical trials** per year since 2013 has resulted in several promising products moving into the regulatory approval process. Many of these products have been able to drastically decrease the time it takes for the cord blood cells to engraft, while increasing the chances that they successfully engraft. A cell has not properly engrafted until it has reached the bone marrow, begun to grow and is creating healthy blood cells. The speed of which engraftment occurs is critical in reducing the time a patient needs to spend recovering in hospital. Some of these products are exciting, because they are not restricted by Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) matching. This is especially important when considering that 70% of patient who need transplants will not have a suitable donor within their family.

The National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia is delighted to announce that our Cord Blood expert Dr Ngaire Elwood has joined the Board of Directors. I'm sure you will all congratulate her and wish her all the very best. I'm hoping to keep in contact and have up to date news to pass on to you all.

Hopefully, by now you have all heard the amazing total with the **READ THE RED** for March to June 2018 – If not, the total is \$2,665,104.66, how fantastic is that. That's added \$98,530.15. This really makes my heart proud to be a member of Inner Wheel and this project is amazing and so worthy.

Now, don't forget to keep ordering the "**Gift of Friendship Rose**" from Trealoars Nurseries. We get \$1 for every Rose sold. You may need another one for your garden to match your first one or buy for a friend. Check out the IWA Facebook page and go to the link to order them.

The Team *Barb, Diana & Marion*



*International Convention Melbourne Highlights*





*Gala Dinner International Convention Melbourne  
Theme: Melbourne Cup Party*



## *Introducing the District Chairmen 2018-2019*



*District A40  
(15 Clubs)  
Joan Cheng  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Whitfords WA*

Greetings to all Inner Wheel friends and especially to my fellow chairmen who are also beginning a new position and a new year.

I am very thankful for all the opportunities I have gained through becoming a member of Inner Wheel. I arrived in Perth 15 years ago knowing nobody and now have a large circle of friends and acquaintances met through our activities

Our committee this year is a mix of new and more experienced members which is a very nice balance and we are all looking forward to an exciting year. It has started already with June Muller from the Mandurah Club being installed as president of Inner Wheel Australia for 2018-19. The changeover being in Western Australia gave many of us an opportunity to attend for the first time - it was a special night.

Many of our Clubs have inducted new Members and we hope that this will continue. It is interesting that some Members are rejoining Inner Wheel after breaks of up to 20 years as their circumstances change. Nice to have them back.

Communication and co-operation between Clubs is very important to us as we are quite isolated in WA, and we hope that this will continue to flourish. I will do my best as District Chairman to encourage this amongst the committee and the Members.

We look forward to a good year ahead for Inner Wheel, here and abroad.



*District A50  
(8 Clubs)  
Maria Bargwanna  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Orange NSW*

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, our District and my Club of Orange celebrated a combined fantastic Changeover in Orange. Decorations were based on fans I brought back from Japan to symbolise the Club and District prosperity and the flowers on fans represented a new beginning for the Inner Wheel year. Perfect weather, many Members, friendship, much fun and chatter filled the day.

I have inherited a very healthy District, with increasing membership, but can't become complacent, so need to keep working on attracting younger Members into our Clubs. We plan to continue "branding" Inner Wheel using Facebook, media and advertisements to publicise Club and District events as well as keep inviting women to join existing and new Clubs.

Clubs can't remain the same for tradition's sake, but should change with the times to attract new, younger Members, as well as make Club meetings vibrant and enjoyable.

Together with the empowerment of Members and the District Committee, I hope to increase the knowledge and understanding of Inner Wheel to the wider community while carrying out Personal Service, International Understanding with much fun and lasting friendships

Hopefully our Clubs will grow stronger, inspirational, united and evolve together.

I'm really looking forward to my year as District Chairman.





*District A51  
(9 Clubs)  
Lesley Byrne  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Balmain NSW*

Having danced around many positions in Inner Wheel at Club and District level over the past 27 Years, I now face the challenge of District Chairman. What is that theory “You rise to your own incompetence”..... Well let’s see.....hmmm.

Our Inspiration Seminar (information day) focused on Communicating through the Internet and the World Wide Web. A presentation using Mr Google digital sources was given to improve Communications. To support this end, a NSW Fair Trading representative educated us on Scams and Traps on the Internet including the WWW. Clues were given on how to work with Computers, Tablets, and Smart Phones and not get caught.

Our 9 Clubs congregated in the heart of Sydney for the Changeover. As they say “All roads lead to Rome” and whilst transport is very accessible, the challenge is to provide an event that is affordable.

We are excited to have our own Chris Kirby as International Inner Wheel President and we will mark this with a small event in Sydney in late July. Our best wishes are with Chris, as she navigates all the friendships around the World.

The theme “*Empower and Evolve*” is very special, and I will help our Clubs follow their Visions which will in turn empower them to evolve and go forward. My Clubs have different focuses and each is successful in their own quests.



*District A52  
(4 Clubs)  
Sue Arthur  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Wyong NSW*

During the last twenty years since I joined Inner Wheel it has become more and more apparent that 'Great Things Happen to Those Who Are COMMITTED to Action'.

The hundred-strong members of our four A52 District Clubs are certainly committed to simply do their utmost best - and to bring out the absolute best in each other. Whether it be taking on a club position or a District position for the first time, they always offer inspiration and support.

One of the most resounding reasons why Gosford North, Terrigal, Scone and Wyong Clubs are so successful, is the depth of friendship they have shared for many years

We have a social conscience. Being kind, useful and caring about people less fortunate than ourselves, are strong values that I will support during my term of office. I will strongly encourage membership retention, in addition to supporting the formation of a possible new Club through the efforts of our Membership Chairman Susan Chisholm and her committee.

Many of us in A52 have served at National and International levels and are fantastic ambassadors for our great organization. I am very proud of A52 District members.





*District A53  
(12 Clubs)  
Gloria Allison  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Beecroft NSW*

My hope for the year is to make our Inner Wheel a priority, for our Clubs to come together, to come to District Meetings, visit other Clubs and see that although we all have the same goals we can reach them in many different ways.

At Conference, we meet people from all over Australia and being an ambassador at the Convention in Melbourne gave me many opportunities to meet people from all over the world.

The theme of our International President Chris Kirby is *Empower and Evolve*, so I hope we can all try to empower one another to take on a new role at either Club or District level, so we can grow and enjoy our Inner Wheel journey.

In line with the International Project – *Caring for Women and Girls*, we are supporting Girl 2 Girl Nepal and our District Charity for the year is SIDS Research.

We celebrated our Changeover on a beautiful day in a beautiful venue with great food and atmosphere. All reports were well received and past committee congratulated and the new committee welcomed.

I feel very privileged to receive the Collar as District A53 is celebrating its Golden Anniversary year and I am the 50<sup>th</sup> Chairman to wear it, a great honour.



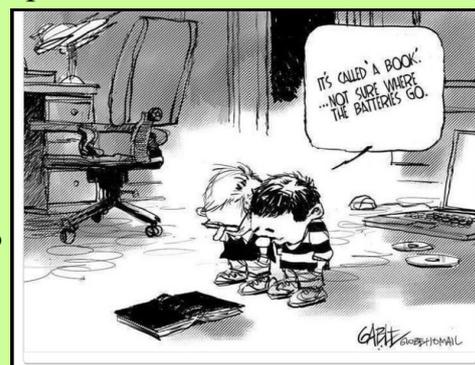
*District A54  
(9 Clubs)  
Jan Munro  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Leeton NSW*

Our Changeover was held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at the Leeton Soldiers Club. The day commenced with morning tea and the District Meeting, followed by lunch and my induction as A54 District Chairman 2018-19.

I outlined my focus for the year based around the IIW theme of *‘Empower and Evolve’* stressing the importance of expanding friendships by joining in inter-club activities and District gatherings, and encouraging Members to consider attending the IWA Conference in Canberra to celebrate IWA’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I feel that unless we continue to see people on a regular basis friendship tends to wither and die. Friends enrich our lives and through our community service we improve and enrich the lives of others. I encourage Members to ‘evolve’ in the area of social media and learn to use Facebook to develop a more public image and share local and global activities.

Outgoing Chairman Phyllis Guthrie gave her report on an enjoyable and productive year. The Club auditorium looked very attractive with the Inner Wheel colours of blue and gold and table decorations that reflected the agricultural crops of the area - Rice, Cotton, and Walnuts.

**TODAY’S  
WORLD**  
*Where do we  
go from here?*





*District A55  
(10 Clubs)  
Alison Banks  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Grafton NSW*

Thank you to Jacqui and her committee, for all their hard work and guidance over the last twelve months.

Our new committee shares my enthusiasm that we will work hard to have exciting, fun filled District Meetings. We look forward to helping you keep your Clubs growing, with new Members and increased Friendship.

In November 16-18<sup>th</sup> we are visiting Ballina for our District Meeting. They are putting together a fun filled weekend. We will be joined by the new Australian President, June Muller. She is excited to come and see more of our region.

We have reinstated the third meeting, which will allow us to keep building the connection between Clubs and District. Remember it's your forum to put forward your ideas.

The venue for this meeting is Tamworth, 15-17<sup>th</sup> March 2019, which is about equal distance for all of us to travel.

Don't forget the Australian Conference 19-21<sup>st</sup> October 2018. It's just at the end of Floriade so the gardens will be blooming. Twenty-four of our members travelled to Melbourne – can we do better nearer home?

I am looking forward to meeting you all at your local Clubs and enjoy your local hospitality.



*District A60  
(7 Clubs)  
Marlene Sullivan  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Bendigo NSW*

I am honoured to be Chairman of District A60 this year. Changeover on 7<sup>th</sup> July was a relaxed luncheon at the well-known Bendigo Pottery. Thirty-five friends from all Clubs in the District catching up, enjoying great food, balloons and a slideshow of photos to entertain - a good recipe for fun and friendship.

I have urged Members to 'spread the word' about Inner Wheel and to make their Club more visible within their community. I have asked each member to include Inner Wheel in other parts of their life and suggested that, by wearing an Inner Wheel emblem, such as the Circle of Friends brooch to their bridge club or choir rehearsal, they encourage discussion.

Our meeting in November will include an open forum to discuss possible new Membership events sharing previous experiences both successful and unsuccessful.

I have encouraged each Club to support this year's Theme '*Empower and Evolve*' - perhaps by developing a relationship with a school in their community. Education in many forms is often the way forward for women in all countries - towards a positive life for themselves, their family and the wider community.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with our six Clubs, who are all committed to their diverse communities and a wide range of projects embracing the ideals of Inner Wheel.





*District A61  
(10 Clubs)  
Glen Harding  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Wodonga Vic*

I'm Glen Harding, District Chairman of A61. I have been a member of Wodonga Club for 19 years and we currently have 40 members. Wodonga is situated in the North East part of Victoria on the border of New South Wales.

I was born and educated in Melbourne. I am married to John and we have three children, a daughter and two sons. We relocated to Wodonga in 1977 due to John's business.

My background being textiles and embroidery, enabled us to establish an embroidery business working from home. Due to quick expansion, both sons joined the business and we moved to new premises. We specialise in embroidered logos, corporate uniforms and work wear. One of the many highlights of the business was embroidering 3000 medal ribbons for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

My aim for my District is to encourage more members to attend District Meetings and Conferences so they can better understand the purpose of our organisation and contribute their ideas for a stronger Inner Wheel



*District A62  
(12 Clubs)  
Christine Wickes  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Phillip Island Vic*

'Empower and Evolve' is the International Theme and my aspiration for the year.

District A62 in Victoria is, I am sure, no

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different to any other District in Australia. It covers a large area and has Clubs which are both large and small, vibrant Clubs and ones struggling to fill executive positions, ones who are mainly focused on friendship and ones that have service as their main aim.

Most Clubs though, have one thing in common; they are ageing. It is my hope that, by working with the Clubs we can work out what it is about each Club that works for them. We will look at how Clubs go about maintaining and attracting members and how job sharing works effectively to encourage members to take on positions. By sharing this knowledge I hope each Club feels empowered to try something new, to evolve, and that all Clubs within the District and that all members of the Clubs feel as if they are making a worthwhile contribution to the overall health of their Club, District and Inner Wheel as an organization.

I belong to a fantastic District full of dedicated women, with lots of experience. I hope that with their help, our District will continue to grow.



*District A70  
(6 Clubs)  
Christine Houlson  
Inner Wheel Club of  
Tea Tree Gully SA*

On July 1st at The Tea Tree Gully Golf Club, we enjoyed lunch with fifty-nine people for my induction as District Chairman. Rosalie De Lurant began proceedings and before the main course Tom Haig (husband of Kay) read a Selkirk Grace at my request. When giving my speech I finished with a poem, which came the week before at the end of District A55 Newsletter. The day finished with

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entertainment from the Myall Ensemble, the choir of which I am a member, singing five songs all to do with love, friends and dreams. It was a lovely setting overlooking the Golf Course and the food was excellent. A lunch was chosen over an evening meal as people from the hills could drive home in daylight.

My aspirations are to fulfil my duties, make many new friends and encourage the Clubs along the way. I talk about Inner Wheel to as many people as I come across who are not involved and hope that some will join a Club in the future. Inner Wheel needs more advertising and District A70 is responding to this with a new Brochure and now joining Facebook.



*District A76*

*(5 Clubs)*

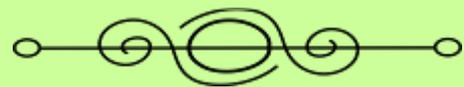
*Sharon Whitchurch*

*Inner Wheel Club of  
Trinity After Dark Qld*

Firstly, I would like to thank the ladies from A76 and my own Club, Trinity After Dark, for giving me the honour and opportunity to serve as their District Chairman. With five active and progressing Clubs in our District, I am sure the year will be full of information, events and rewarding experiences. All of our Clubs have been inducting new members and have the prospect of further additions so that is very pleasing. In some cases this is increasing Club numbers, while in others it is retiring members, but all in all a healthy position.

I look forward to my individual Club visits where I will meet members who may not have been able to attend a District Meeting and also learn about the individual projects and activities that the Clubs are undertaking.

I am also looking forward to working on the Inner Wheel Australia Conference to be held in Cairns in 2019. I am sure that will be a challenging but rewarding time for our members involved and that we will facilitate a fun filled event. I wish all Club and District Officers in both my District and the rest of Australia all the best for a fruitful and beneficial year as we strive to embrace Chris Kirby's Theme of "*Empower and Evolve*".



*District A77*

*(16 Clubs)*

*Margaret Treston*

*Inner Wheel Club  
of Brisbane Qld*

The position of A77 Chairman brings a great responsibility upholding all the traditions of our great organisation. What I wish to achieve for my year is Friendship and enjoyable informative meetings with interaction between all our Clubs.

The International Inner Wheel Theme for 2018-2019 "*Empower and Evolve*" is to me for members who have not taken up positions, to think about how it would enable them to learn more about Inner Wheel and take the first step on receiving the Friendship and experience of Service and Understanding and it would Evolve into a new life commitment for the future.

District Members, Partners and Guests enjoyed a very successful Changeover weekend, hosted by the Inner Wheel Club of Brisbane, held at the Kedron Wavell Services Club at Chermside. Our District Members are to be congratulated for attending in such great numbers. Friday night dinner 50, lunch 95, Men's Tour 23, Meeting 81, and Saturday Night Dinner 114. Our Changeover Dinner

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saw Members, Partners and Guests arrive looking very splendid. There were lots of lovely comments on the table decorations and settings. Chairman Zelma Hanley received her past Chairman's Brooch and she thanked and presented past badges and a beautiful gift to each of her Committee. Following this I was presented with the Collar and I then introduced my committee and presented the badges for 2018-2019 with a welcome for a very successful year ahead. I called on all the new Presidents of our District to come forward to be introduced. Members welcomed them and showed their appreciation. The Changeover weekend was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



*District A80  
(8 Clubs)  
Anne Shadbolt  
Inner Wheel Club  
of Mersey Tas*

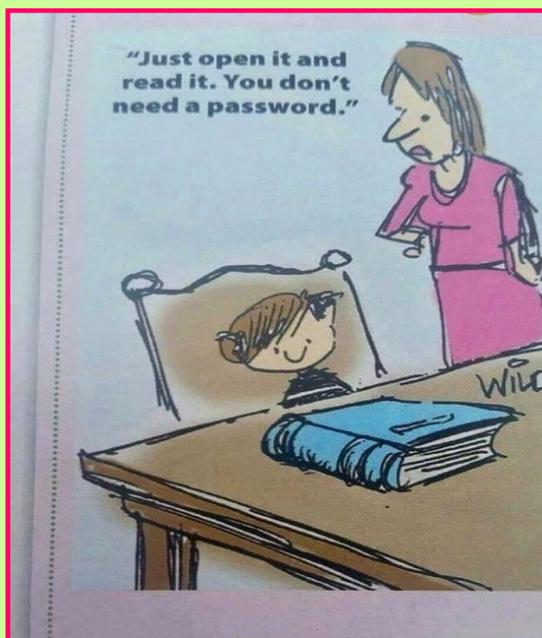
Our District Changeover proved to be a very successful evening of fun and fellowship. The successes of the previous year were celebrated and the incoming team was welcomed with enthusiasm.

Earlier in the month we held our 'Getting-to-Know-You-Luncheon'. Previously held after Changeover, the earlier date proved to be very successful. Participants met incoming office bearers from other Clubs and acquired knowledge essential to fulfil their roles from experienced members. It was also an excellent opportunity for the incoming Executive to meet.

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District A80 is functioning well with strong friendships and keen support from many ventures local, national and international. Going forward into the coming year, I'm aware that leadership is about shared vision and responsibility. My hope is that we will all continue to work together to enhance our reputation, build our public image and consequently attract further members.

Friendship is our raison d'être so let's enjoy ourselves and be seen enjoying ourselves, while we continue to do great things.





Inner Wheel Australia Inc.

50th Annual Conference



IWA 50 Conference

friendship  
is golden

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th October 2018

Hellenic Club Canberra



### Conference Program

**Conference Venue:**

The Hellenic Club of Canberra, Matilda Street, Woden ACT 2606

*All events for delegates will be held at The Hellenic Club.*

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

1.30pm — 5.30pm  
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Friendship Room and Registrations  
Collect Voting Papers from Head Teller

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am — 4.00pm  
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6.30pm for 7.00pm

Friendship Room and Registrations  
Collect Voting Papers from Head Teller  
Inner Wheel Australia Council Meeting  
Opening Ceremony and Gala Dinner  
*(Note Official Inner Wheel regalia is required to be worn)*  
Gala Dinner Theme: *'Friendship is Golden'*

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

7.30am — 9.00am  
7.30am — 9.00am  
8.00am — 9.00am  
9.30am — 4.00pm

Chairmen's Breakfast  
Friendship Room and Registrations  
Collect Voting Papers from Head Teller  
IWA Business Session and Annual General Meeting  
*(Note Official Inner Wheel regalia is required to be worn)*  
Partners & guests are invited to the afternoon session



