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## **Inner Wheel Australia Appointed Officers**

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## **National Representative** Karen Winters



Welcome to the second half of the Inner Wheel Year – time flies and it just seems like yesterday I wrote my last report for the Inner Wheel Australia Magazine.

I can't thank Clubs, Districts and those who have hosted me enough for the wonderful experiences I have had during the first half of my term as Inner Wheel Australia President.

My understanding of parts of Australia I have never seen before, is nothing short of amazing, and those of you who have been involved in showcasing your particular parts of our wonderful country to me are so very much appreciated. I am indebted to all who have contributed to what has so far been an enjoyable and educational journey. I have done as much travel as possible using the rail systems and this itself has proved to be, not only cost saving to Inner Wheel, it has given me a chance to see what areas of Australia are really like. I can recommend seat 23 in the Buffet car on the New South Wales Trains – a single seat, so you are never distracted by another traveller sitting beside you who wants to talk about the subject that doesn't interest you. This seat is a gem, it gave me the opportunity to view our country areas as they are. Sadly, the effects of the current drought areas were plainly visible, and I was only on the borders of the really hard-hit regions. I expect as I travel from Sydney to Orange in late March, I will see more devastation unless they receive some water from the sky before then. Seat 23 has other benefits – you are close enough to do some eavesdropping. Actually, you have no choice, and it is interesting, or I find so, to hear the local people talk about their communities and how mother nature has inflicted her wrath on the everyday residents of the regions. While waiting for trains (very often not on time) in waiting rooms or on country station platforms you really meet the most interesting people. So, Members, my first half-year has been filled with seeing and learning of the most amazing work Districts and Clubs contribute to their communities. I have been privileged to see some of this first hand visiting some charities, and how the efforts of our Members are actually making such a difference. District Meetings – all so different, but all so dedicated to what they do as a District.

The Home Hosting - thank you one and all, who welcomed me into your homes and took the time to really make sure I felt at home. Gee, do I have some places added to my Bucket List, where I would really love to return to with Joe in the future.

The Districts I have visited so far are very aware my focus is on Membership – this will continue to be my focus. Members, I reiterate, each and every one of us should consider themselves as a source of increasing Membership. We have in place a Membership Committee, but we can only do so much. We will continue to work on this and assist whenever we can, but ultimately more needs to be done at Club level and some Clubs are doing it very well.

I can assure you the current Trustees of the Foundation Trust are working hard on its structure, and by the end of the year, we envisage we will have a stronger way forward with Membership involvement. An even positive plan to move it further forward - this will be in consultation with Members. Up to date information will be with Districts and Clubs very soon if you have not already received it.

I have been in touch with our Townsville Club and passed on my concerns for their Members' wellbeing and I am sure also, you are all thinking of those who have been affected.

I am taking a short break, if you call three weeks short, before I embark on my second round of District visits. I will be out of the country between 8<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup> February, but I will be back before this Magazine is distributed.

Love to you all,

*June*





Special occasion for District A40 - Five Clubs enjoying Inner Wheel Day and lots of friendship. Hosted by **Kalamunda**. **Scarborough**, **Whitfords**, **Wanneroo** and **Swan Valley** Inner Wheel Club were present

### **Geraldton**

**President: Lesley Colliver**

Lights strung in the trees, portable dance floor ready, the sun setting over the sea, well over the trees, and Sax and the Single Girl, limbering up. This was the setting for 'Family Dance under the Stars'. That was 2018. Come to Geraldton in November for another unique experience. Geraldton extends the hands of friendship.



Our resident TV Star, **Jean King** is super special and can be seen in a commercial thanking sponsors for providing funding for CWA Clubrooms



### **Kalamunda**

**President: Maureen Betts**

We are enjoying a successful and happy year with new members and a full committee. We have supported various charities, raising money by holding raffles at our local market, which also gives us good publicity. For International Inner Wheel Day, we hosted a lunch in our local historic hotel, with five Clubs in attendance along with a visiting Inner Wheel Member from Italy.



President **Maureen** with our lovely **Magnolia Carpineto** from Italy

### **Kalgoorlie Boulder**

**President: Mary Genovese**

We celebrated Inner Wheel Day on the patio of Sue and Peter's place with lots of friendship and fun, a beautiful sunset, pizza and the odd wine. As it was school holidays, we had some members away, but those of us who could attend did so with their partners. Great weather and really great company.



### **Mandurah**

**President: Eluned Clark**

Our Club approached staff at the Children's Ward to see if there was a project they could work on which would be of benefit. The nursing staff were looking for a way to minimize anxiety and stress for children going to the operating theatre. A novel, fun way to transport the children to theatre was decided on. Our Club would purchase two remote control, sit in cars, which could be "driven" by the children to the operating theatre.







Members with the remote controlled cars

## Rockingham Kwinana Districts

**President: Pauline James**

We had a couple of our Members attend the November District Meeting in Northam hosted by the Avon Club. A lovely day full of friendship. We celebrated International Inner Wheel Day on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the home of **Doris Earnshaw**, our Treasurer, with afternoon tea provided by those in attendance. We welcomed two new ladies whom we are hoping will join our Club this year.

## Rossmoyne

**President: Jenny Lewins**

In the Queen's Birthday Honours 2018, one of our founding members, **Deirdre Russell** was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community through Music. *Well done Deirdre.*



Founding Members,  
**Claire Brockway,**  
**Adele Masten,**  
**Glenys Sharpe** and  
**Deirdre Russell**  
Congratulating  
**Deirdre** on being  
awarded an OAM

(Below)  
Members at Heathcote  
Park



Members attended A40 District Friendship day in September and were inspired by a presentation by one of the nurses on "The Mercy Ship". This talk was enjoyed by all. Heathcote Park in January was chosen for our breakfast to celebrate Inner Wheel.

## Scarborough

**President: Val Lynn**

Our Club continues participating and promoting objectives of friendship, service and working together to help make a difference to people's lives. Our Club organises well supported social programmes, ensuring member inclusiveness and new member possibilities. We are excited to be sponsoring the new Cowan at Sunset Club. Members are involved on the committee, at club, district and national level. Funds raised, support local and international charities and a local school.

## Swan Valley

**President: Meryl Cruickshank**

This year our Christmas meeting time was changed to 5.30pm, followed by friendship and meal at 6.00pm. The tables were beautifully decorated by **President Meryl**. Thanks to all our members who donated so much to our Christmas Raffle - we had enough to make four individual hampers. The money raised will be used to support Mental Health for our Emergency Response Teams.



Christmas Raffles

## Wanneroo

**President: Bea Leembruggen**

International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with lunch at the Kalamunda Hotel with approximately 50 ladies attending from Clubs in the Northern Suburbs, including **District Chairman Joan Cheng** from Whitfords Club.



Our picture shows our members **Marg, Pat C, Bernice, Yvonne, Diane** and **Pat T** sharing their friendship and enjoying a delicious dessert.



## District A50

**Chairman: Maria Bargwanna**

### Bathurst

**President: Judy Newton**

We are delighted to announce that member **Glen Croaker** has been awarded "Bathurst Citizen of the Year". Glen has been acknowledged for her outstanding work for "Can Assist and the Daffodil Cottage for Cancer Care", as well as her work for Inner Wheel.



*We are very proud of Glen and congratulate her for a well-deserved achievement.*

*Sandra Jackson  
Club Correspondent*



### Blayney

**President: Lynn May**

Our member **Elizabeth Russ** was awarded the "Blayney Citizen of the Year Award". **Elizabeth** has been our Club's Treasurer, Club President, District Chairman and Council Member. Last year she received the Rotary Inspirational Women's of the Year 2018 - Rural Award. She is a member of the VIEW Club, the A & P Society, the Family History Group, Can-Assist. She is also a Blayney Tourist Information Centre Volunteer, a Licensed Lay Preacher, and she organizes the Anglican Parish Book Fair.



**Elizabeth Russ with  
The Hon Paul Toole MP**



### Cowra

**President: Linda Harris**

Our Club has had a busy year of activities and friendship. At our monthly meetings we have welcomed a number of very interesting and informative speakers from various backgrounds eg. Red Cross and BaptistCare. We have raised money for "Buy-a-Bale" to assist farmers suffering severe drought and of course, raised money for "Cord Blood Research". We have been able to support all the schools in our town, as well as assist our District Eisteddfod with money raised from catering.

## (Below) Australia Day Catering

(L-R) Sue Perkins, Linda Harris, Pam Boler, Sue Brown, Mandy Howard, Anne Holloway, Merrilee Webster, Christine Parker and Madeleine Rankin



Street Stall for  
"Coin for a Cord Day"  
**Heather Treasure and  
Linda Harris**



### Dubbo

**President: Annette Storer**

Our Club actively raised over \$1000 for the "Kisaru Nkera Initiatives (KINI) District International Project" by hosting a Melbourne Cup luncheon. A sell-out High Tea for "Cord Blood Research" was held on 24<sup>th</sup> February. We hosted our District A50 Christmas meeting, which also raised funds for local drought relief. Our Clubs 42 Members look forward to welcoming Inner Wheel Australia President June Muller in March.



Roses for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon

## Lithgow

President: **Maureen Daskein**

At our Christmas Party held at the beautiful home of **Gail Coates** located in the Wolgan Valley, PP **Patsy Mansell** presented to President **Maureen Daskein** a mounted and framed President's Collar displaying all our Presidents' name badges for the first 50 years. The Club is using a new Collar, which is already adorned with 10 years of Presidents' name badges. We held Christmas stalls at the Lithgow Coles Complex on 29<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December and these proved very successful.



PP Patsy Mansell and President Maureen Daskein  
with the framed Presidents' Collar

## Oberon

President: **Charmayne Hogan**

In November, our Club catered for our Christmas Party for Oberon Aged Care Columbia Village, giving residents an afternoon tea and gift each, all made by our Members. All enjoyed a sing along with music by our member **Nancy** (pictured). Our Club celebrated Christmas with a party at the local Golf Club with a delicious dinner and a secret Santa gift as well. International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with a catch up afternoon tea.



## Orange

President: **Janet Jackson**

Our Club has been very active in the community with some of our ladies dressing up in colourful hats and feathers to participate in a promotion for an event to raise funds for Huntington Disease. In November a few of the girls helped the local Rotary Club with catering for the Tidy Towns Committee at the Botanical Gardens, for which they received a 'Certificate of Appreciation'.



## Orange Minhi President: Rebecca Worner

We celebrated our Christmas Party at La Porchetta where the excitement was high, not for the anticipated visit by the man dressed in the red suit, but of the adventure that awaited **Cathy McAndrew** and **Wendy Quinn** when they visited **Barbara Parkins** in Kenya and saw the work that KINI is achieving. We look forward to hearing about their travels. Minhi hosted a Bunnings BBQ which raised much needed funds for a local family who are going through a difficult and heart wrenching time.



Wendy and  
Cathy in  
Kenya

## District A51 Chairman: Lesley Byrne

*This is an amalgam of our Clubs - some highlights of their activities in recent months. Liz Ralston, District Editor.*

## Balmain

President: **Mary Pappalardo**

A Melbourne Cup, a Christmas party, a couple of stalls and a mountain of Ponchielli, chilli oil and giardiniera, all helping to strengthen our friendship with each other and our ongoing support in our local community. (Below) **Pangiallo Baking**



Wiley Park Girls High Students and Balmain Members  
Back Row (L-R) Corinne Collins, Jenny LoSurdo  
Front Row (L-R) Claire De Gioia, Sonomi Ling,  
Franca Rodilosso, Ivana Cacciotti, Ursula Di Biasi,  
Georgia (Special Honorary Member),  
Mary Pappalardo, Santina Rizzo, Rosa Sturiale  
and Wendy Volpatti



## Belrose

**President: Lorraine Wilson**

Our focus for December was a successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - and after a bit of a slow start to the day, we made a very healthy profit - a wonderful result. Thanks to the six members who helped, especially, our star Sizzler, who luckily for him this year had an afternoon engagement, but he had set up a great system and rhythm so nothing went astray. Janet couldn't understand how Liz could remain cheerful with all the customers right until the end of the day. (*It was bravado*).

## Camden President: Catherine Blackwood

During October our ladies generously donated personal items, toiletries, coloured necklaces, bangles and lovely scarves which we then made into 35 pamper packs for the drought stricken ladies on the land in the Goodooga/Lightning Ridge area. They were delivered to the local CWA, who handed them to the needy ladies who expressed their gratitude.



.Pamper Packs

## Northern Beaches

**President: Vivienne Anderson**

We were involved in the 'Smile @ Xmas Gift Giving', which saw the public donate gifts for unfortunate families. Our Club donated these items to some very happy recipients.

## Southern Highlands

**President: Brenda Apostolatos**

Our Christmas stall held in Bowral in early December raised \$2,003 for our Club's local charity. We had beautiful Christmas handicraft, delicious preserves, cakes and slices, which all sold very quickly.

## Sutherland

**President: Pamela Boler**

Towards the end of the year our Club voted to donate to a drought stricken area of New South Wales. As we have links to rural Lake Cargelligo through a former District A51 Chairman **Betty Breese**, it was decided to see if Betty could facilitate this. \$1,000 was donated to be distributed to needy families in the area to help make Christmas a little easier for them.

## Sydney Inner West

**President: Ann Margulis**

One of our new projects is giving help and support to KYH clients (Kathleen York House) - who are women and children who have survived the scourge of substance abuse and have repaired themselves through the process of rehabilitation. KYH helps them become more self-sufficient, confident and proficient in the kitchen. Club Members are challenging themselves to find recipes that are simple, healthy and are easily found, limited and inexpensive ingredients.

Guess where **Sydney Inner West** Member. **IHW President Christine Kirby** has been lately....On the Throne of the Harvest Queen and wearing the Crown.



Courtesy of  
**Baridhara Inner Wheel Club  
India**

## Wollongong

**President: Mary O'Rourke**

Our last fundraising effort for 2018 was a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle which was very successful. We have planned a relaxing March outing, spending two night in Oberon, where there are some lovely gardens to see.

## Sad News

After eighty-seven years of Inner Wheel friendship and service, age has caught up with them, and whilst the **Friendship** remains, the activity of **Service** and attendance at meetings has become '*a bridge too far*' and the Club will return their Charter this May. The members feel sure that **International Understanding** will prevail, and lovely memories will remain of the First Club in Australia, and the First Club outside Great Britain and Ireland to be chartered, back in 1932. Sydney Club was another 1932 entrant (closed in 2000) and now Bendigo Club in A60 (with a starting date of 19.08.1933), remains as the oldest Club in Australia.

*Liz Ralston - District Editor A51*

This is such terrible news for all Members, when North Sydney Inner Wheel Club will hand back its Charter in May. North Sydney holds the honour of being Charter No.1 together with Ballarat and Bendigo Clubs, the first Clubs to be chartered outside the United Kingdom.

*Cheryl Leddy - National Editor*



## **District A52**

**Chairman: Sue Arthur**

### **Gosford North**

**President: Toni Mason**

Members have held many stalls and fashion parades to raise money and to donate back to our local community. We assembled 50 Backpacks of school items and treats for drought affected children that were distributed by our sister Club, Scone. We have continued to be very enthusiastic supporters of Cord Blood Research, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Coast Shelter, Lifeline and our Days for Girls Project. We have held many morning teas and enjoy a once a month Dinner Club meeting. (Below)

**"25 Year Badge Awardees"** (Between them these Gosford North Members have given over 200 years of service to Inner Wheel).

(L-R) Dee Barham, Kath McGrath, Ann Bubicci, Fay Strachan, Pat Matthews, Polly Burl and Colleen Boyce



### **Scone**

**President: Ann Beckenham**

2018 has been a busy, happy and social time for our Club. Our meetings and coffee mornings held at various venues, have been well attended. We continue sending knitted rugs overseas and donations were made to nine Scone charities, including sponsorship for the Boy Scouts to the Adelaide Jamboree. Our 'Ladies in Red' continued to man very profitable raffle days, and this provides great interaction with our community. Our membership and profile in the community continues to grow.



Scone and Gosford Members donating Drought Packages

## **Terrigal**

**President: Hazel Howells**

Monthly morning teas are very popular, be they at local cafes or a Member's home as a fundraiser. Funds are also raised by holding plant stalls at local markets, raffles, fashion parades, and 'bring and buy' tables at meetings, allowing us to support several local, district, IWA and international projects. We've knitted trauma teddies and sent 'lamb jumpers' to drought affected farmers. The Salvos were given gifts for teenagers at Christmas. Busy time with fun, friendship and laughter.



(L-R) Judy Campbell, Pauline Gunness,  
District Chairman Sue Arthur,  
President Hazel Howells and Joan Davis

## **Wyang**

**President: Gaye Jolly**

Although fundraising to support our local community remains a high priority, Wyong members value their strong friendships and meeting together socially with one another and with district friends. Excitement is mounting this year as our Club celebrates an important milestone of 60 years since Charter with a special luncheon at Wyong Race Club. To add to the celebrations, the new A52 Club of Tuggerah Lakes will be Chartered in May and will happily be remembered by members for taking place in the year of Wyong 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## *District A 53 Chairman: Gloria Allison*

### **Baulkham Hills**

**President: Christine Watson**

We are involved in fun, friendship and fundraising with a few initiatives lately. We filled 75 bags for less fortunate women for the charity "Its in The Bag" and we knitted hundreds of poppies to commemorate fallen soldiers, selling some for the Invictus Games. As well, our major charities

The Smith Family, Music Therapy and The Myanmar Eye Care Program are benefiting from our efforts. We are grieving the loss of our Member, **Lynette Adams**.

### **Beecroft President: Joanne Annis-Brown**

As we look forward to another new year, we can look back and see what a successful year we have left behind. Notably our Christmas get-together was one to remember due to the terrible storms that hit Sydney that evening. Blackouts and roads covered in trees and rubble made for a shocking end to our festivities. Thank you again to our hosts **Sue** and **Harry** for opening their home to us. Another year looms with plans to share once again, friends, food and fun. Happy 2019 to all Members.

### **Blacktown City**

**President: Elizabeth MacDonald**

It was a busy end of year with another very successful Seniors' Christmas Party. Many Members and friends celebrated Inner Wheel's Birthday at a luncheon, where we made a donation to support a group called "Compassionate Friends" for people, who have lost loved ones through suicide or an accident. We presented a donation of two iPhones to the Children's Burns Unit at Westmead Hospital. Three of our Members attended the Inner Wheel Conference in Canberra and were involved in the 'Rose Ceremony' for three Members we have sadly lost this year.



### **Campsie**

**President: Maria Kourt**

We celebrated changeover with a "Red, White and Blue" theme and were delighted to have District Chairman **Gloria Allison** present. It was a very happy gathering and made even more enjoyable with outgoing President **Helen Angelis** inducting a new Member, **Niki Ligouras**, who was warmly welcomed. Later in the year we held a successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and we have also packed boxes for the "Good Samaritan" organization. In March we look forward to our official visitor and in April we are holding a fashion parade and a Bingo afternoon.



PP Helen inducting  
Niki Ligouras

Birthday Celebrations

DC Gloria &  
Joan Brown

### **Liverpool Combined**

**President: Barbara Houghton**

Our Club happily welcomed three new Members last year, our 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday year. The Christmas meeting was well attended and very enjoyable with a visit from Santa and his helpers. It was our pleasure to donate our fundraising money to the 'Cancer Therapy Centre' at Liverpool Hospital. Forty-three attended our Changeover, including District Chairman **Gloria Allison** and her committee. We were represented by Members, **Judith, Jeana, Laurel** and **Trudy** at A53 District Christmas Meeting. IWA President **June Muller** was guest speaker on International IW Day. We continue to enjoy great fun and friendship.



Presentation to the Cancer  
Centre at the Liverpool  
Hospital



DC Gloria, Husband Bill  
Pres. Barbara and  
Treasurer Judith Banks

Members enjoying the Christmas Meeting



## Nepean

President: **Robyn Portelli**

Club Members continue our monthly “dinner and movie” nights. These social evenings help us to raise funds for our very worthy charities each year. A small group of Members travelled to Leura early December, where they enjoyed a day Christmas shopping. Although Leura was very busy with large numbers of tourists, our Members were able to purchase a few bargains and enjoyed a tasty lunch. Trevi Restaurant Penrith was the Christmas meeting venue - fine food and friendship. Each Member brought a donation gift for the teenage boys of “Mission Australia”.



Nepean Members' Christmas Meeting

## Norwest

President: **Lois Grech**

In December donations of food and clothing were delivered to our major charity for the year - The Living Room at Richmond, which supplies donations to homeless men and women in need. Our Members are still collecting food for the next delivery. Christmas was celebrated in style at Member **Lyn** and **David**'s home - wonderful food, lots of laughs and fun including our Secret Santa gift exchange and our trading table. International Inner Wheel Day brunch was at the home of President **Lois** and **Henry Grech** - fun day and international food. Another busy year ahead.

## Penrith

President: **Bev Nicholson**

Our December meeting was with A53 District committee, guest and Rotary representative. The raffle prize, four nights at Falls Creek was won by overjoyed secretary **Michelle Yates**. **Jenny Bounds** 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday - another cause to celebrate. Members told us of Christmas celebrations in Scotland, New Guinea, The Netherlands and Canada - all very interesting. We donated to our local charity, “Our Community Cares” and this was well received. International Inner Wheel Day was held at a Member's home and our guest of honour was President of Comilla Club, Bangladesh, who is presently visiting Australia. She was accompanied by her daughter-in-law.

## Penrith's Photos

(Below)  
Business Session



President **Bev Nicholson**  
and District Chairman  
**Gloria Allison**



## The Hawkesbury

President: **Julie Boden**

In September we assisted with Legacy Badge Day, where Members crafted Red Poppies for an “Armistice Day” display in our local library. We enjoyed a bus trip to Thirroul for lunch and a stage musical “Bootleg Beatles Show” at the Anita Theatre. We also had a weekend visit to Nan Tien Temple and other attractions on the South Coast. December activities included a Christmas Raffle, a Bunnings BBQ, Richmond Rotary Carols in the Park, and a BBQ at our own Christmas Party. International Day was hosted by **Robyn** and **Bob Brierley**. We have welcomed three new Members into our Club.



Destination South Coast for  
the Annual Club Weekend



International Day by the  
Nepean River

## The Hills

President: **Julie Thorp**

2018 we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday, a stylish celebrations with the Birthday Cake cut by our Charter Members and we enjoyed a great dinner at The Hills Lodge. We enjoyed a Fashion Outfit meeting with a “Postie Pop Up Boutique”. Our Christmas meeting was a fun way to finish the year when we exchanged a Christmas decoration. 2019 Australia Day themed brunch was held at our President's home, where we enjoyed a few hours before heading off to celebrate this important day.



## **West Harbour President: Wendy Wonson**

2019 has started slowly for West Harbour, in as much, we have had Members away, here and abroad, others in hospital, so it was only Aileen and Val that celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> January, by sharing lunch together. We have since held our meeting, a happy and noisy time catching up making momentous decisions, re our committee for 2019-20, enjoying reading and voting for IHW, and our project to be completed. Happy 2019 to all.



## **District A54 Chairman: Jan Munro**

### **Albury President: Phyllis Hodge**

We had a "Mad Hatters" evening which was extremely enjoyable, with all items paraded having to be purchased from the local OP Shop. President **Phyllis** welcomed us into her home at Table Top for a lovely International breakfast which was served in the delightful setting, and we all enjoyed a healthy meal together, to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day.



International Inner Wheel Day Breakfast at **Pres. Phyllis's**

### **Corowa President: Noreen Miller**

We enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> December at Buller's Ripe Restaurant with a four course meal. On 10<sup>th</sup> January, Members from surrounding Clubs joined Corowa for a lunch cruise on the "Cumberoona". Meeting like-minded women in friendship/comradeship and enjoying a meal together in such a relaxing/fun setting, led to a unanimous decision to recreate similar events in the future. It was wonderful to see so many in attendance.



## **Griffith East President: Carmel La Rocca**

Cameron McAuliffe instructed us about "My Health Records". We visited Weethalle enjoying Silo Art, lunched at the Road Kill Grillz. Members attended Friendship Day in Leeton and had an enjoyable day.



We erected our Citrus Sculpture at the Festival of Gardens. We enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Zecca's Restaurant. We also gave our annual Christmas Hamper to the

Women's Refuge. We spent Inner Wheel Day Ten Pin Bowling then lunched at the Coro Club.

(Above ) **Sunita** and **Carmel** handing over the Hamper to the Women's Refuge. (R) Zecca's



### **Leeton President: Margaret Kenman**

Four of our Members attended the Australian Inner Wheel Conference in Canberra. In October we held a theatre party featuring "Ladies in Black". Friendship Day was also held in October with a visit to the Roxy Theatre followed by a delicious lunch. In November, Yenda beat us in our annual challenge. This year, Croquet was the challenge. We enjoyed a Progressive Dinner as our Christmas celebration, which was enjoyed by all. Incoming IWA President **Robyn Gillespie** was introduced at Yarrawonga Mulwala District Picnic Day.



Leeton Club Members with IWA President June

### **Narrandera: President: Marilyn Manning**

Our Garden walk was a successful fund raiser for "Can Assist". At our November meeting a "Dream Race" call of past Melbourne Cup Winners was conducted. Most of us remembered many of the horses mentioned. Our Club catered for Rotary's meeting at Michael Lyon's Shed in December. We held a Christmas Food Hamper raffle. President **Marilyn** suggested we write on a Christmas card to send to another Club somewhere in the world.



## Narrandera's Photos



(L) Kaye Hall  
Suzanne Ryan,  
Jan Gawne,  
Jenny Robinson

(R)  
Pat Mullholland  
Marilyn Manning  
Ann Kendall  
Pat Hayllar  
Jan Gawne  
Kerrie Perrott



## Wagga Wagga President: Joan Page

In October Members provided dinner for residents of Lillier Lodge, which is a facility for cancer patients from outlying areas. Our Christmas party was held at the home of **Jack and Joan Morgan** and we enjoyed delicious food, great company, entertainment and a special visit from Santa. On Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, Members celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with a breakfast at the Mercure Hotel with Members of Wollundry Inner Wheel Club.



Celebrating



Guess Who?

## Wollundry President: Elise Bowen

In September we joined the 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations of Wagga Wagga Club, with a theme of 'Pearls and Pinnies'. At our October meeting we inducted two new Members. We hosted a Bunnings BBQ in November, and also a Froktober High Tea fundraiser for ovarian cancer research. Members enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Commercial Club. We joined Wagga Wagga Club for breakfast on 12<sup>th</sup> January to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day. We look forward to our planned monthly 'Crafternoons'.



## Wollundry's Photos



Wearing Pearls and  
Pinnies  
**Angela**  
**Kim**  
**Marie-Claire**  
**Eleanore**  
**Elise**  
**Clair**  
**Gabrielle**



High Tea  
**Marie-Claire**  
**Bernadette**  
**Eleanore**  
**Angela**  
**Stina**  
**Samantha**

## Yarrawonga Mulwala

### President: Janet Schwartz

Our Christmas Party was held at Burke's Hotel. We catered for the Rotary breakfast on 7<sup>th</sup> January for 30 Rotarians. A Club day luncheon with Corowa and Shepparton on International Inner Wheel Day was held on 10<sup>th</sup> January on the "PS Cumberoona Paddle Boat". This was attended by 42 Members on a lovely sunny day. The Rotary Market Gate and Meals on Wheels continue. Yarrawonga Mulwala Club hosted the District A54 Meeting in March on behalf of Wollundry.



The PS Cumberoona Trip



Christmas Party  
At Burke's Hotel



## **Yenda** President: **Brenda Bowen**

We celebrated two important birthdays in November. **Beryl Marcus** and **Betty Blake**. Betty's was a 'O' so we had to wear a tiara. Our fishing trip to Echuca included a ride on a paddle steamer, an interesting visit to a museum and lots of shopping. Christmas raffle draw, Carols by Candlelight and Christmas drinks at **President Brenda's** home. We commenced the new year with Friendship Day, bowling and lunch shared with Members of Griffith East and Leeton Clubs.



Beryl Marcus  
and  
Betty Blake

## **District A55** Chairman: **Alison Banks**

### **Alstonville** President: **Barbara Swain**

**Ruth Robinson** and **Mary Weingarth** were recognized for long-term service and friendship to Inner Wheel. Our November meeting at Lismore GROW centre informed us of the journey and struggles of mental health as well as GROW'S provision of assistance, workshops and supportive group programs. We were bedazzled by the magical decorations for our Christmas Party. We look forward to an enjoyable friendship morning tea and visitation to Palm Lakes Resort and to our Scottish fling/International Night.

### **Ballina** President: **Norma Robbins**

Our Club continues to meet as a small group of friends, who are growing a little old and are struggling with numbers. Despite this, we hosted a very successful District meeting in November. Meetings have included a visit to Ballina Marine Rescue Tower, which plays an important role in our seaside community. We also had an informative talk by an Administrator of Crowley Village where some of our Members live.

### **Grafton** President: **Rose Covre**

Our Grafton Jacaranda festival luncheon was a great success with a visit from the Jacaranda party and a parade by a local fashion boutique. Cont'd.

Cont'd. We have assisted with hampers and donations to various organisations. A Women's Refuge Member spoke about her work assisting women and children in crisis. We did not celebrate International Inner Wheel Day, but chose to gather in a local park for a great Australian Day Breakfast shared with Grafton and Grafton Midday Rotary Clubs.

## **Foster -Tuncurry** President: **Marea Binskin**



Foster -Tuncurry Members Celebrating Christmas  
at Halliday's Point Tavern

**Lorraine Tilley, Val Freeman, Lillian Parsons, Margaret Pollard, Rhonda Jorgenson, Cynthia Lockheart, Sue Simmington, Margaret Astle, Linda Soper, Larissa O'Riley, (Photo) Narelle Brabant**

Another year has been and gone  
With opportunities where we have shone  
To the enth degree and then beyond  
Our fundraising efforts are all but done  
Fun celebrations for Christmas had  
A Relaxing lunch with dessert, I'll add  
At Halliday's Point, we were very glad  
That the summer heat was not too bad  
Members gathered for our Inner Wheel Day  
At Tuncurry foreshore, we all did stay  
For a BBQ breakfast overlooking our bay  
With a hundred tourists, on the beach they lay  
Welcoming Members back in February  
Planning our year out to a tee  
Especially our Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
For April, we wait excitedly.

## **Inverell** President: **Andrea Hudson**

We celebrated Inner Wheel Day with husbands and friends. Our Member **Bev Walls** shared with us her experience visiting New Guinea last year with a Rotary team. She became very aware of the needs of the young girls, which led to her interest in "Days for Girls" and to become an Ambassador for the organisation. Our Club is supporting Bev and others in the recent launch of a branch/group.



### **Inverell Photo** (Courtesy of Inverell Times)



**Bev Walls**  
Ambassador  
for "Days for  
Girls"

Reclaiming  
Lost Days

### **Lismore**

**President: Cath Buchanan**

The theme for our Christmas meeting was fun and friendship, and our Members with their guests enjoyed a wonderful evening. On 10<sup>th</sup> January, International Inner Wheel Day, we joined with Alstonville and Ballina Clubs in Alstonville. It is always great to catch up with the Members of the other Clubs and that is what Inner Wheel is all about. Our International Night this year will be Italy and this will happen on 6<sup>th</sup> March with a guest speaker.

### **Narrabri**

**President: Jenni Hayne**

In January we joined with the Wee Waa Club to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day. We travelled to Wee Waa and dined at the Imperial Hotel. We are very happy to welcome three new Members into Inner Wheel **Trica Hedley, Carolyn Tomlinson** and **Mira Adhikari**. We sincerely hope they will have a long and enjoyable association with Inner Wheel. We are planning a Yum Cha evening for our International Night and a Chicken and Champagne lunch for Cord Blood Day.

### **Port Macquarie West**

**President: Kathy Naylor**

Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday meeting was held in September. Our **District Chairman Alison Banks** spoke, and our newest member **Joan Collis** was inducted by President **Kathy Naylor**. We have raised funds for Cord Blood Research, prepared our Baby Bundles for the Premi Ward at the Base Hospital and rugs and gifts for the Women's Refuge. A number of our Members attended the A55 District Meeting in Ballina in November.

### **Tamworth**

**President: Josie Cox**

Money from October Trading Table and our plant stalls was distributed to the IWA President's "Buy-a-Bale" Disaster Fund and the local Tamworth Farmers affected by drought. A Melbourne Cup Party was a great social event for our Members and guests.

Cont'd. On Remembrance Day, Members met at Gipps Street Memorial for a cuppa and held a minute's silence. Our planted Gum Tree here is growing well. Our Christmas Party was a great start to the festive season. A great roll up of Members and partners attended the International Inner Wheel Day Breakfast at the Tamworth Golf Club.

### **Wee Waa**

**President: Carol Miller**

Our Club and the Rotary Clubs held a scrumptious combined Christmas Party dinner to celebrate the end of 2018 at the Wee Waa Golf Club. Wee Waa and Narrabri Inner Wheel Clubs combined to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day on 10th January. Members enjoyed friendship and fellowship during the lunch with a fabulous chocolate fudge cake with coffee.

### **Distict A60**

**Chairman: Marlene Sullivan**

A60 Members from **Bendigo, Geelong, Wendouree** all travelled by train from their various Cities to meet with A61 and A62 to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day at the Terrace Café Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne. This is an annual event, starting with coffee, morning tea then a delicious lunch. A wonderful day of catching up. Joining us visiting Melbourne were Inner Wheel Members from India and Norway. This is truly International Inner Wheel Friendship.



(Back Row) Members from Wendouree **Lesley**, Bendigo **Bernadette**, Wendouree **Jan**, Geelong **Helen**, Wendouree **Elize**, Bendigo **Chairman Marlene**, Bendigo **Barb** IWA Cord Blood Project Coordinator  
(Front) Wendouree **Carmen**, Visiting IW Member from India, Geelong **Ruth**

## **Warrnambool**      **President: Julie Hayden**

Our Club Members celebrated International Inner Wheel Day in true style with a glass of bubbles, tempting treats and friendship in the peaceful surroundings of the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens, designed by the well renowned garden designer William Guilfoyle. The afternoon concluded with a cup of tea and a delightful passionfruit sponge cake.



(Back Row) President **Julie Haydon**, **Helen Goss**, **Marg Hutson**, **Jenny Baptiste**, **Lydia Sinclair**, **Lorraine Ludeman**  
(Seated) **Veronica Cuzens**, **Janine Glennen** and **Betty Suggett** and behind the camera is **Jenny Bacchetti**

## **District A61**      **Chairman: Glen Harding**

### **Bundoora**      **President: Faye McInnes**

The Bundoora ladies spent many a happy hour sizzling sausages at various Bunnings Stores to raise funds for, and donate a wheelchair, friendly BBQ and drinking fountain in Bundoora Park - officially opened October 2018, which many of our Members attended. **Helen Harvey** was welcomed into membership by Past District Chairman **Margaret Ferguson**. Past President. **Lyn Richardson** presented **Merle Maunder** with a 25 year badge.



**PDC Margaret Ferguson**  
Inducting **Helen Harvey**



Official Opening at  
Bundoora Park

## **Kinglake Ranges**      **President: Pamela Young**

Our small group has grown recently, as we welcome **Christine and Rowena**, four more hands to help work at our monthly BBQ, which remains as our most successful fundraiser. We were extremely delighted to share our donations with: Cord Blood Project \$1000, International Project \$1000, Burrumbuttock Hay Runners \$750, Kinglake Food Share Programme \$500, Kinglake Wildlife Carer \$500. We are very proud of our efforts and after a short break from cooking bacon, eggs and sausages, we are eager to return to the task again this year.

## **Shepparton**

### **President: Barbara Wheelhouse**

Must mention Shepparton's Charter Member of 50 years, "Joyous" **Joy Thomas**. She enjoyed many celebrations. A group of us travelled to Melbourne by coach to Monash Medical Centre - talks with Professor **Graham Jenkin** showing the Research where our Inner Wheel Cord Blood money goes. International Inner Wheel Day was spent with a group of us for lunch on a River Boat, such a happy day in perfect weather. In the hot weather our Club meets at a Restaurant overlooking our Shepparton Lake and in the winter we meet at Members' warm homes. We catered for a Rotary Club BBQ to start the year, which was a great fundraiser for our Club.



(L) 50 year  
member  
**Joy  
Thomas**



(R) **Prof.  
Jenkin**  
with **Patti  
Stafford**

## **Williamstown**

### **President: Glennis Vanderwarker**

Our November meeting was held at the Williamstown Croquet Club, where we had lessons on how to play Croquet. We presented 25 year badges to 16 Members. It was a very enjoyable night. December was a busy month, when we celebrated Christmas at the Italian Social Club with the Rotary Clubs of Williamstown and Gellibrand. Monies raised were donated to Williamstown Food Relief. We inducted two new Members at our February meeting with a membership now at 56.



## Williamstown's Photos



## Wodonga

President: **Elizabeth Grant**

In January our Club Members and partners enjoyed a picnic in Wodonga's Sumsion Gardens, also marking **Thelma Cowie's** 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated cruising Yarrowonga Mulwala Lake with Inner Wheel Clubs of A61 and A54. In February, our Club and District Chairman **Glen Harding** will be hosting Friendship Day with a 1970's theme including music, decorations and attendees in costume - together with many reminiscences of that decade. It promises to be a fun time! We look forward to catching up with A61 Members and friends.

## District A62

Chairman **Christine Wickes**

## Bairnsdale

President: **Marion Dawson**

A special evening was held on 19th January for our Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We welcomed guests from Districts A61 and A62, as well as interstate visitors. The highlights included A62 District Chairman **Christine Wickes** presenting twelve Members with 25 year Service Badges, the Club's History Book and a Visual Presentation by inaugural President **Marie Cox** and **Norm**. IWA Council Member **Janeen Randle** and Past National President **Marg Sansom** officiating. **Lois Marr** cut the Anniversary Cake. Music added to a most enjoyable event.

## Bairnsdale's Photos



Presentation to ten out of twelve of our 25 year Service Badge recipients

**Lois Marr** our most senior Member cutting the Anniversary Cake



## Bayside

President: **Jan Cooper**

Our Club is looking forward to 2019 with great enthusiasm. We have our 'new' committee in place, Friendship Day at Phillip Island to look forward to, and our regular catch up with the Inner Wheel Club of Nepean in the diary for April. Our plans are well underway for our Bridge/Games Day on 14<sup>th</sup> March, our main fundraiser for our charities this year. Lots of fun, friendship and fellowship ahead.



## Berwick

President: **Diane Nutter**

Berwick members held a very successful Oaks Day, profits donated to Cord Blood Research. At our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, President of IWA, **June Muller** presented President **Diana** with the 50 year collar. Our only remaining Charter Member **Beryl Excell**, 96 years young, cut the Anniversary cake, Inner Wheel Day was held at the home of President **Diana Nutter**.



Australia Day Function for City of Casey

**Beryl Excell**



## **Cranbourne** President: **Isabella McLean**

Our Club was very excited at being nominated for the Casey Volunteer awards. Several Members attended the night. President **Isabella** and Immediate Past President **Carol** presented 25 Year Service Badges to **Betty Clydesdale, Merle Blundy, Val Batchelor, Yvonne Bell, Marie Corrigan, Patsy Pinxt, Robyn**



**Cotter, Debbie Kypraios, Annette Allen, Cathy Dunscombe and Lois Faulkner - Congratulations.**

## **Latrobe** President: **Christine Davidson**

November was an eventful month with our Club firstly celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday. We had a wonderful day at Toms Cap Restaurant and Winery in the hills out of Traralgon where 40 Members including partners celebrated with excellent food and, of course, “appropriate drink” to enhance the meal. The Birthday Cake took the shape of the Inner Wheel, which was constructed using a Biscuit Cake.

## **Moe** President: **Suzie Maxfield**

We celebrated our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday in style at the Yallourn Bowling Club in November. The night had a black and white theme and guests from Warragul and Latrobe Clubs helped make it a memorable evening. Also attending were guests from Scotland and Port Macquarie. Another milestone celebration was **Jan Cogle’s** 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. This was a lovely relaxed fun filled evening.

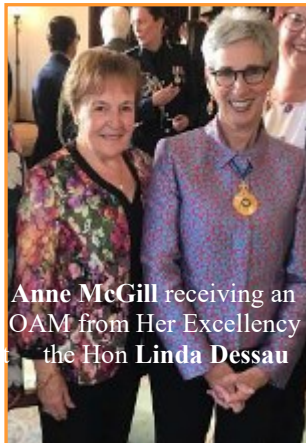
## **Narre Warren** President: **Fay Boulton**

September **Anne McGill** received OAM from Her Excellency the Honourable **Linda Dessau** AC Governor of Victoria.

October Club 38<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations and District Chairman’s visit.

November 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Parade with approximately 180 attending.

December Two Members received 10 and 15 year awards for service to Meals on Wheels. Cont’d



Anne McGill receiving an OAM from Her Excellency the Hon Linda Dessau

Cont’d. Our Club awarded an ‘Earnest Endeavour’ Award to a Primary School Student.

Many handbag packs donated for women fleeing domestic violence.

Boxed home baked biscuits for Meal’s clients.

January Eight Members attended International Inner Wheel Day in Melbourne.



38th Anniversary celebrations with District Chairman **Christine Wickes**

## **Nepean**

## President: **Robyn Portelli**

In November we welcomed two new Members. **Pauline Lanigan** and **Pauline Baulk**. Instead of Kris Kringles this year we agreed to support the group Community Support Frankston, for which we provided 30 plus tinned hams. We feel that we have made a difference to the families who received these. Our Christmas breakup and get together was at **Rhonda Lawrence’s** lovely home overlooking Port Phillip Bay. It was a great way to end our year.



**Pauline Lanigan**



**Pauline Baulk**

## **Pakenham** President: **Margaret Macdonald**

Our annual Christmas trailer raffle in conjunction with the local Rotary Club always achieves great financial success which allows us to continue supporting our local community. Other activities leading up to, and after Christmas, included a Crazy Whist evening, breakfast at a local café and Inner Wheel Day celebrations with a breakfast in the park. Members and partners could choose to walk or cycle early in the morning before eating, chatting and generally welcoming in our new year.



## Pakenham Photo

Preparing the Breakfast



## Phillip Island President: Simonne Liberman

September Planning for the year ahead and our first Soup and Sweets Social night.

October Guest Speaker George Hendry enthralled us with stories about his work to build schools to educate girls in Vietnam, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, Kenya and South Sudan since 2004.

November **Dianne** and **Ian Barlow** travelled to Sabah where they visited the Mother of Divine Grace Girls Hostel with our sister Club, IWC of Kota Kinabalu and made a donation of noodles, biscuits, crackers, cooking oil, washing powder, toilet rolls and much needed stationery.

December/January A busy couple of months with our Annual Chatters Christmas fundraiser, Christmas Street Stall and raffle, our Christmas party and presentation of five, 25 year Badges, and our annual January Garage Sale. We are also planning our District Friendship Day to be held in March.



District Chairman **Christine Wickes** and President **Simonne Liberman** present 25 year Badges to **Bev Nicoll**, **Trish Middleton**, **Pauline Brewster** and **Pat Taylor**

## Warragul President: Diane Blackwood

We held a combined dinner meeting with the Latrobe Club at the Yarragon Hotel. Although it was a cold night, we all had a delicious meal over warming friendship and laughter. In recent months we have inducted several new Members bringing our total membership to 46. Our own **Lynne Davine** sung our National Anthem and a beautiful rendition of the Indian National Anthem at the Melbourne Convention and our Club meeting themed 'The World Convention Melbourne'.

**Warragul Photo** - Members at the combined meeting with the Latrobe Club at the Yarragon Hotel.



## District A70 Chairman: Christine Houlson

### Holdfast Marion President: Tonia Lewry

Over the last 12 months Members have brought very generous bags of groceries for a local community arm Marion Church of Christ. Director Leighton Boyd said, "we would not have survived if it weren't for the everyday people who helped". The group had their funding drastically cut and although some has been reinstated they will still need support. Another local participation for our Club has been attending a Volunteer Expo. which has highlighted local Clubs, such as ourselves. We have also inducted our Federal Member of Parliament, **Nicole Flint** into our Club. **Marilyn** and **Roy Armstrong** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## Mobilong

### President: Kay Haig

Ten of our ladies were presented with 25 year service badges. **Joyce Medlow** received an Australia Day Award for 50 years of community service and she has also celebrated her golden wedding anniversary with husband **Neville**. **Ann** and **Ken Carter** reached the wonderful milestone of 60 years of marriage. Members have enjoyed working together running BBQ's at Bunnings to raise money for our fundraising projects.



Australia Day Awards  
**Joyce Medlow**  
with **Lynton Piggot**  
jointly awarded the  
Tailem Bend  
"Citizens of the Year  
Award"

## North East Sunset President: Vicky Lewis

Our Club has a focus on friendship, fun and fundraising for nominated charities, The RSB Guide Dogs, Hutt Street Centre and Kick Start for Kids. To raise funds, we ran a successful Market Day, had a sausage sizzle and we have also provided stationery packs for disadvantaged children at East Marden Primary. We are also very proud of Vice President, **Rosalie De Lurant** and congratulate her on being awarded Campbelltown Citizen of the year 2019.



Front (L-R) Alexandra James, Lisa Di Lulio, Rosalie De Lurant, Vicki McCowat, Karen Grantham.  
Back (L-R) Lenore Harris, Vicki Lewis, Jenny Barrett, and Cathie Rumbelow

## St. Peters/Campbelltown

President: **Neta Fioravanti**

We enjoyed the festive season in December and the New Year with heaps of fun interaction among Members. This included our Christmas lunch at the delightful Kelsey Cottage in Balhannah. In January many of us celebrated International Inner Wheel Day on 10<sup>th</sup> January with a tour of Urrbrae House followed by lunch at the Arkaba Hotel and yes, yet another lunch for our Club Friendship Day, on 20<sup>th</sup> January at the Payneham Tavern. Phew! Now we are looking forward to some busy months ahead with excellent guest speakers.

(Below L-R)  
Margaret Woodcock,  
Judy Thornton,  
Mary Bawden,  
Marie Elson



(Above)  
Christmas Lunch at Kelsey Cottage

## Tea Tree Gully President: Gloria Dennis

Well, here we are, another Inner Wheel year heading to an end and therefore another beginning. I can't believe how quickly the Changeovers come around. February is of course our AGM and apart from a hiccup, all positions are filled. Hopefully, it will all work out on the night. Our Club has enjoyed a varied year with interesting speakers and different Members taking the chair. We also enjoy our social outings including, a recent coffee morning and an upcoming trip to Kangaroo Island for lunch and shopping. Our own District Chairman **Christine Houlson** was awarded "Tea Tree Gully's Citizen of the Year, 2019".



## The Adelaide Hills President: Andra Hein

Club Members enjoyed a tour of Historic Urrbrae House followed by lunch at the Arkaba Hotel. This was a District A70 event for Members, partners and friends to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day.



(L-R) Lyn Green, President Andra, Tricia Dale, Lola Horton and Coralie Nicolson at Urrbrae House

## District A77 Chairman: Margaret Treston

## Boonah President: Lindy Kirchner

In November we held a Melbourne Cup Function at our Club **President Lindy's** home. Good food, wine and company. In December, we held our Christmas Party at **Zelma's**. A traditional Christmas lunch, which was most delicious. In January, we celebrated International Inner Wheel Day. We chose an Italian theme and had a great Italian meal, dessert and wine followed by a game of famous Italian places.

## Brisbane President: Joan Furby

Our 33rd Birthday was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February at the United Service Club with ABC Weatherman Craig Zonca as our guest speaker. Long serving Members were presented with 25 year badges.

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Cont'd. Our congratulations go to **Dr. Geraldine Moses**, daughter of Member **Enid**, who was awarded an AM for significant service to medicine as a Pharmacist, particularly through advisory and education roles.



Recipients of 25 year badges (Front Row) **President Joan Furby, Diana Douglas, Therese Wharton, Jan Keevers.** (Back Row) **Allison Knight, Essie Anderson, Narda Morris, Gwenda Williams and Debbie Hannigan**

### **Brisbane North President: Brenda Green**

President Brenda presented **Annette Nielsen** and **Carol Leech** with their 25 year badges at Inner Wheel Club of Strathpine 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. **Annette** and **Carol** were Charter Members of Strathpine Club and then went on to charter the Inner Wheel Club of Brisbane North. Our Club's project was packing pampers packs for the farmers affected by drought. President **Brenda** and her husband **Gary** made sure they were delivered in time for Christmas to Aussie Helpers in Charleville.



(L-R)  
**Annette Nielsen**  
**Carol Leech**  
**President Brenda**

### **Brisbane West President: Desley Smith**

Our December meeting was very entertaining as we were entertained by Noel Stallard, the Bush Poet. We made a donation of 70 books to be distributed to young children in Queensland's drought affected areas. Members have enjoyed great fellowship with coffee mornings, crazy whist and craft sessions. Several Members and partners travelled to the Gold Coast for the November District Meeting the theme being tropical beachwear.



### **Brisbane West photo - Members at Broadbeach**



### **Broadbeach President: Pam Pagram**

Melbourne Cup was celebrated at a Member's home. Our Club hosted the District Meeting with a beach theme and music by the "Beach Boys" (husbands), enjoyed by all. Cleaning products were donated to the "Friends with Dignity" organisation. In January, we enjoyed a social meeting and held a sausage sizzle with part of the proceeds donated to a needy family at Miami Primary School. We have had correspondence from IWC Bombay Bayview and Figeac en Quercy, France .



Members from Broadbeach Club hand over a donation

### **Bundaberg President: Sandra Miers**

In October we had much pleasure in welcoming District A77 Chairman **Margaret Treston** to our meeting. We enjoyed listening to her life's journey and her introduction to Inner Wheel. The Melbourne Cup day was enjoyed at **Judy and Karl Bowman's** home. After the December meeting, we went to the Sugarland Tavern for Christmas lunch with partners. Our Club celebrated International Inner Wheel day with the Clubs of Bundaberg Sunset, Hervey Bay and Maryborough at the Miners Arms Hotel Torbanlea .



**District Chairman**  
**Margaret Treston** with  
with **President Sandra Miers**



## Bundaberg Sunset President: Fran Heath

We had a busy time leading into Christmas. Catering for the Bundaberg Pottery Convention was a success enabling donations to a local school, 'Buy-a-Bale', 'Share the Dignity' and 'Cordelia bear books to schools'. Members enjoyed a Japanese dinner at **Cristeen and Deenita's** home, a magical Christmas party at **Robyn and Rob Rehbein's** beautifully decorated home. We celebrated International Inner Wheel day with a trip to Bamboo Land with our sister Club and then met Hervey Bay and Maryborough Clubs at the Hotel at Torbanlea for a lovely lunch.



DC Margaret and Pres. Fran

## Gold Coast North President: Barbara Hudson

We have continued with our informal monthly morning teas and making silky pillows for the Cancer Society. We celebrated two big "O" birthdays and arranged an outing to a local theatre production of "Hello Dolly" as a fundraiser. We joined with Broadbeach Club to provide lunch for Suicide Prevention Day and paid a very informative visit to Assoc. **Professor Michael Doran's** research laboratory in Brisbane. Our Christmas Charity this year was "Set Free Care" to which we donated groceries, toiletries and a cheque.



Jeanette Williams and Vi Roberts handing over the Christmas donation

## Hervey Bay President: Liz Godfrey

We spent our 12<sup>th</sup> year raising funds for Cord Blood Research with our Christmas and Easter stalls at the Toogoom Markets. The Club supports the Wig Library, Days for Girls, and our local university campus Nursing Prize and a student from Nepal. Our District Chairman **Margaret Treston** attended our Melbourne Cup party. We enjoyed a great Christmas Party with partners and celebrated International Inner Wheel Day with Clubs from Bundaberg and Maryborough at the Miners Arms Hotel Torbanlea.

## Hervey Bay Photo

(L-R) Pres. Liz, Nancy, Felicity and Trish



## Maryborough President: Lynette Outhwaite

2018 was memorable, as our Club celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in November. We shared a luncheon with District A77 Members and a past Member, and now **Chairman Marlene Sullivan** of District A60. Six foundation and current Club Members were recognized for their 25 years service with badges presented by Chairman **Margaret Treston**. Unfortunately, **Judy Brock** was absent.



DC Margaret presents 25 year badges to Maryborough Members

## Port Curtis President: Denise Geljon

Although we are small in numbers, we enjoy great friendship. We try to be aware of each Member and share the health and welfare of all. As the past months have shown us, we are not immune from loss of loved ones and injuries through falls and general ill health, this all takes a toll on meeting numbers. We can be thankful that we have not suffered the extremes that parts of Australia have experienced.

## Rockhampton Sunset

President: **Marion Collins**

Our Capricorn Christmas Trail at the end of October, featured eleven venues which included houses, gardens and businesses all beautifully decorated in Christmas themes. We proudly presented a cheque for \$20,000 to Project Booyah, which is a local Police run leadership and mentor program to help .....Cont'd



Cont'd. young people make better life choices. Our involvement with Christmas gift wrapping for the Heart Foundation was a huge success with Members wrapping skills tested.



### Strathpine President: Tracey Pedler

We enjoyed a low key Christmas party with lots of laughter, unfortunately, the heat was extreme. International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with Members bringing an assortment of food originating from different countries. Australia Day brought us together again for a breakfast feast. After one of our meetings, we shared helpful hints for cleaning difficult areas. Who would think that would create lots of laughter.



Enjoying friendship lunches

### Sunshine Coast President: Lesley Johnston

November saw our Members with a 'Spuds in a Bag' meeting collecting over 100 bags with toiletries/sanitary products for 'Share the Dignity'. These were given to females in unfortunate circumstances. On 10<sup>th</sup> January, we celebrated by donating a wrapped gift which we auctioned to the highest bidder. The money raised went to Cord Blood Research. We had seven of our Members receive their 25 year badges. We are now planning for our annual Combined Women's Service Clubs and Volunteers Dinner to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### Sunshine Coast Photo



Receiving 25 year Badges (front)  
**Janne Kelly**  
**Fay Smart**  
back (L-R)  
**Margaret Oliver,**  
**Christine Clark,**  
**Robyn Edwards,**  
**Pres. Lesley**  
**Johnson** and  
absent **Joan Curd**

### Toowoomba President: Jane Staniforth

International Inner Wheel Day, we drove down to the bottom of the Toowoomba Range with partners and friends to 'The Barn'. We had a very Aussie meal in a huge shed filled with years of memorabilia, with temperatures over 36 degrees, we certainly felt the warmth of Inner Wheel friendship! The men were given a tour of 'Scotty's Garage' inspecting old cars and motor cycles.



### Wishart President: Maria Dvornicich

On 10<sup>th</sup> January, International Inner Wheel Day, we celebrated with a High Tea gathering at the Mt. Gravatt Southside Sporting Club. We were joined by Members of the Brisbane Club and we enjoyed seeing old friends again. This was the first gathering for 2019 and it was fitting to celebrate Inner Wheel Day. We are looking forward to a great year ahead.



Brisbane Club Members joined Wishart Club for a High Tea



**District A80 Chairman: Anne Shadbolt**  
**Burnie President: Elayne Ransley**

Christmas was celebrated at the Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden. Funds raised on the day were donated to District 9630 Rotary Drought Appeal. In recognition of International Inner Wheel Day our Club made a donation to the Women's Shelter. Club Members catered for the Rotarians at the conclusion of the annual Rotary Club of Somerset's Australia Day Foreshore Fiesta and also the Rotary Club of Burnie Bowls Night. Our Club was given the opportunity to enclose Inner Wheel flyers in bags distributed at the Burnie International Women's Day function.



**President Elayne** presents 25 year Badges to **Barbara Schmidt** and **Liz Barron**  
 Burnie Club has eight 25 year Members

**Clarence President: Margot Patten**

Our Club held an enjoyable Christmas dinner for our November meeting. We gave donations to the Salvation Arm's Bag of Hope Appeal, rather than gifts amongst ourselves. Our successful Christmas raffle raised funds for the Tasmanian Farmers' Fire and Drought Relief Fund. In January, we dined at our Vice President's home and planned for 2019. We have several Members on the state executive now and more joining it. We have fund raised for overseas projects, as well as local causes and have further plans in this space.



(Photo) **Annette Ahearn** (Right) plates up for waitress, **Maree Godleman**. **Ros Behrens** is our Kitchen Superintendent for our famous annual High Tea.

**Hobart Sunset President: Barbara Hughes**

We have enjoyed another satisfying year of fun. Our social group organizes morning teas in several of the delightful cafes, which abound in Hobart. These meetings are arranged on different days to accommodate some of our working Members, or others who help with childcare and give us all a chance to get up to date with each others' 2019 lives.

Cont'd. We enjoyed our fashion parade again this year with some of our Members being models. We had a most interesting evening at "T2", a beautiful shop selling every kind of tea you can imagine. It was great fun and very different with the two girls who looked after us being very charming, helpful and knowledgeable, making teas for us to try. **Chairman Anne Shadbolt** spent an evening with our Club and gave us a spirited and entertaining talk. We ended our year with a great Christmas dinner with partners at a restaurant. We entered a floral arrangement into a floral art display at the Cathedral. This is an annual event and this gives us the opportunity to advertise Inner Wheel. We spent time wrapping presents at the shopping mall at Christmas, this was fun and helped to boost our charity funds.

**King Meadows President: Judy Kingston**

We were disappointed our January meeting at the dairy farm of Henny and Larry Gofton was cancelled. We have been going to the Goftons in January for years. Our major fund raising event, a Cocktail Party in the garden of Franklin House, was again a great success. A lovely warm evening, lots of tasty food and the 'Tassie Tenor' to entertain, what more could we ask for. The proceeds of the night are going to 'New Horizons'.



**Sue Smith, Judy Iles, Mavis Chugg and Henny Gofton** at The Cocktail Party.  
 (Far Right) Charter Member **Lorna Yost** at the Christmas luncheon.



**Mary Johnson, Helen Pitt, Mary Doyle** Greeting guests at the Cocktail Party

**Mersey President: Bev Pearson**

November was a busy month with District A80 meeting in Perth. Also the annual Home Hill Garden Fete, where our Club conducted a free colouring-in competition for children with prizes in three age groups, also the White Ribbon walk against violence. We had a fun Christmas dinner with partners at Valentino's Restaurant in Devonport, where members were invited to donate to a Christmas bowl. The funds raised were for the .....Cont'd



Cont'd. Rotary District 9630, of Southern Queensland Drought Appeal. About forty people attended International Inner Wheel Day celebrations at the home of District Chairman, **Anne Shadbolt** in January with good weather, which ensured all in attendance had a great time.

### **Tamar Valley President: Frances Graham**

We have all heard the term “just rolling along”, well that is what our Club has been doing. We have decided to take things differently and going to the movies instead of our usual meeting, as our usual meeting place is being remodelled. We have also met at Members’ homes, but from February we will once again be meeting at the Community Centre at Exeter. At the end of the 2018 school year, we gave a donation to students in recognition of their achievements in the Georgetown and Tamar Valley areas. A highlight was our Christmas lunch which we held at the Tamar Cove Restaurant at Beauty Point. A lot of laughs, good food, a little tippie or two and the famous Christmas cracker. We once again gathered personal items and handbags to be given to the Women’s Shelter in Launceston. We hope that these donations gave a glimmer of hope to some women at Christmas



Members **Joy, Frances, Jan, Rob, Val, Elaine, Margaret, Joan S, Rosemary, Joan N, Gladys and Berris.**

### **Save the Date!**

25 May, 2019

District A52 Membership Chairman  
Susan Chisholm and the  
A52 Membership Committee  
are very excited to announce

**the Charter of the**

**Inner Wheel Club of Tuggerah Lakes**

**to be held Saturday 25 May, 2019**

Further details will be forthcoming

### **Canberra Belconnen**

**President: Margueritte Sheppard**

Our Charter President Fay, now lives in an aged care facility where we provided an afternoon tea to residents and showed a video of our Club’s activities over the many years. The video was collated by our Member **Wendy**. We visited Goulbourn Art Gallery to see the 2017 Archibald Portraits and lunched at a local Café. October saw our Club providing the table decorations for the Inner Wheel Australia Conference held in Canberra and attended by some of our Members, **IWA President June** was present at our October meeting. Members of our Club attended a Rotary Melbourne Cup luncheon and an Australia Day breakfast. We had a coffee morning with a South African Inner Wheel President visiting family locally. Members provided morning tea for Rotarians, who packed 300 Christmas Hampers for Charity. Our Club celebrated with a Christmas breakfast and International Inner Wheel Day with an afternoon tea at a local Club. We made a donation to the Inner Wheel Australia Disaster Appeal for drought stricken farmers.

### **District A76**

**Chairman: Sharon Whitchchurch**

### **Cairns**

**President: Judy Wright**

We concluded the year with a lovely Christmas lunch with thirty Members at the Pearl Garden Restaurant, where we also welcomed our District **Chairman Sharon**. International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated with a morning tea and everyone enjoyed a slide show of our past Members and events. We started our ‘sausage sizzles’ again in January and now have raised enough money to furnish a room at the soon to be opened ‘COUCH Wellness Centre’. Our next function is the “Coin for a Cord”, morning tea at the Balaclava Hotel. We look forward to our Members **Iris Lesley** and **Wilma Holmes** coming back to the meetings after their stay in hospital.

### **Innisfail**

**President: Janet Melita**

**President Janet** inducted a new Member **Kay Galipo** bringing our membership to 38, welcome Kay. Mr Jim Arnell was guest speaker, who spoke about all the great work that St. Vincent De Paul Society does in our area. Our most senior and very active Member **Connie Riera** celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and what an inspirational woman. There was plenty of fun on Melbourne Cup day with the best hat competition won by **Cherrill Spina** and **Estelle Worth** was commended for her originality.

Cont'd. **Jan** and **Margaret** ran the in house sweeps, a fun day for all. We celebrated Christmas on 4<sup>th</sup> December with a Christmas party at the Queens Hotel with a delicious three course lunch and we were entertained by **Hope McDowall**, (grand-daughter of **Mary McDowall**) and pianist **Natasha De Faviere**. Lots of presents, fun, laughter, friendship and good cheer was had by all. We lunched at El Arish Tavern on International Inner Wheel Day and our District Chairman **Sharon Whitechurch** came to visit and celebrated with us.

### Far North Queensland Tablelands

President: **Julie Brzozowski**

We welcomed guest speaker Meg Trimble from QCWA to our meeting and she informed us on the devastation that occurred during the recent floods in Central Queensland. **Beth Cats** from Trinity After Dark Club was inducted into Inner Wheel on the same day back in 1995 as **President Julie**. We wanted to share this with you as Inner Wheel friendships enjoyed over the years is what we wish for, for all Members. They are truly precious. Members supported drought affected farmers, and the Townsville flood victims. **Margaret Pedersen** organized toys for the flooded children's emergency accommodation in Townsville. On a cheery note our devoted Treasurer **Gillian Birch** is having a great time in the United Kingdom. International Inner Wheel Day was celebrated at Gallo Dairyland. We are hosting the District Meeting at Lake Barrine, and we are looking forward to Inner Wheel Australian **President June's** visit. We have also welcomed three new members.

### Townsville President: **Barbara Lennig**

**President Barbara** and fellow members dropped off a very large basket of Christmas goodies, which was very gratefully accepted by the Ronald McDonald House. This is adjacent to the Townsville Hospital. We were invited back for a more detailed look at the facilities and the various services that are offered. About twelve members attended on International Inner Wheel Day as we spent the morning visiting the facilities and the various services that are offered. They certainly do a very good job in providing accommodation for families with sick children in hospital. After the floods, we were all sorry to hear that our long standing Member **Dot Mendo**, who has been living with her daughter, was displaced as her daughter's house was totally flooded. She is now in a nursing home in respite care. Most of us had the dreaded "mould" through our houses and **Dianne's** ground level of their home two streets .....Cont'd

Cont'd. back from Aplins Weir had 460 mm of water through. Thankfully, all's on the mend now and things are getting back to normal. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Members for their concerns and best wishes throughout this stressful time. Another big problem from the flood is that we have now lost our meeting place at the RSL and we are in the process of finding a new venue.

### Trinity After Dark

President: **Suzanne Walker**

We very sadly have to let everyone know we lost our **Beth Cats** on 22<sup>nd</sup> February with a lovely service on 4<sup>th</sup> March celebrating a much loved Member since 1995. We are starting up our third Sunday of every month friendship get together at different venues around town for some good coffee and a chat.



District Chairman  
**Sharon** and President  
**Suzanne Walker**



(L-R)  
**Lyn Chappell**  
and  
**Beth Cats**



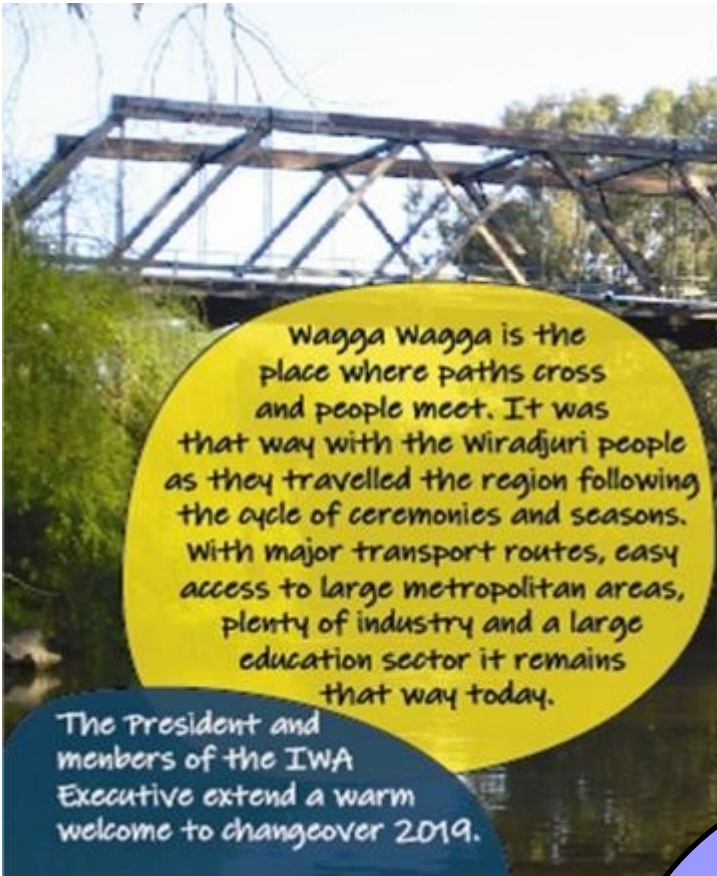
**Helen Brown** (Left), **Gaella Luxton** (Back)  
and **Beth Cats**





# Changeover weekend

- 14th-15th June 2019 -



Wagga Wagga is the place where paths cross and people meet. It was that way with the Wiradjuri people as they travelled the region following the cycle of ceremonies and seasons. With major transport routes, easy access to large metropolitan areas, plenty of industry and a large education sector it remains that way today.

The President and members of the IWA Executive extend a warm welcome to changeover 2019.



WAGGA  
WAGGA

*14th June*

*6:30 - 7 pm*

*Friendship Dinner*

*Kyeamba Smith Hall*

*Bourke St. Wagga Wagga*

*Dress -*

*"Touch of Country"*

*15th June*

*6:30 - 7 pm*

*Changeover Dinner*

*Jezza Room Rules Club*

*Dress - Semi Formal*





*From the Desk of National Project  
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IWC Kalamunda \$743.16  
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IWC Wanneroo \$500  
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IWC Whitfords \$200  
IWC Kalgoorlie Boulder \$365  
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IWC Cairns \$2364  
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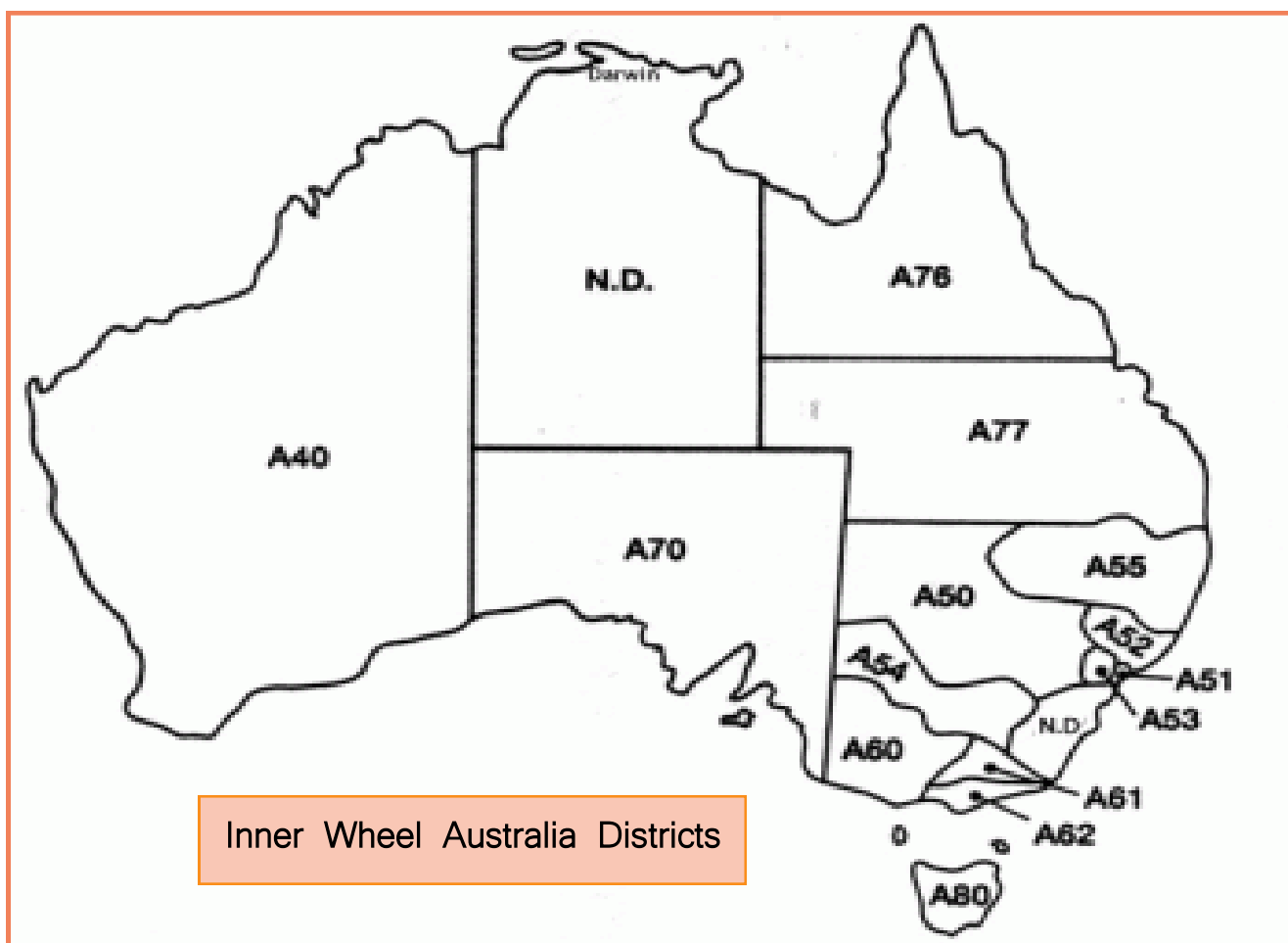
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