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*Introducing
IWA Executive
2020 – 2021*



*Inner Wheel Australia
President
Elizabeth Tooke
Inner Wheel Club
Blayney NSW*

I would like to welcome everyone to this New Inner Wheel Year and congratulate all those who have challenged themselves, by undertaking a leadership role in their Club, District and at the Inner Wheel Australia level. This will be no easy task as you try to find new ways in leading your Club through these difficult times. Instead of meeting face to face we have had to embrace social media, either to hold your Changeover or your meetings.

What was almost unthinkable 6 months ago has now become common place during the COVID 19 pandemic. Social distancing and self-isolation has taught us the importance of community and the basic human need to be touched, held and surrounded by a loving family and friends. The rapid change in our lives has allowed us to rethink our attitudes and has given us the opportunity to clarify the big issues which Inner Wheel Australia is facing.

Ever since the world began, change has been the only constant. We must continue to change to ensure that we will not only preserve what we currently have but we will grow into the future. In so doing we must also never lose sight of the qualities which have stood the test of time and have made us the great organisation which we are today.

Change can be both frightening and exciting and all of us must be patient as many struggle to grasp this new world in which we now find ourselves. It is up to all Members to show leadership through love and understanding to those who are finding the change in their lives difficult. Through enthusiasm, passion and commitment to your Club and its projects you can all rouse others into action.

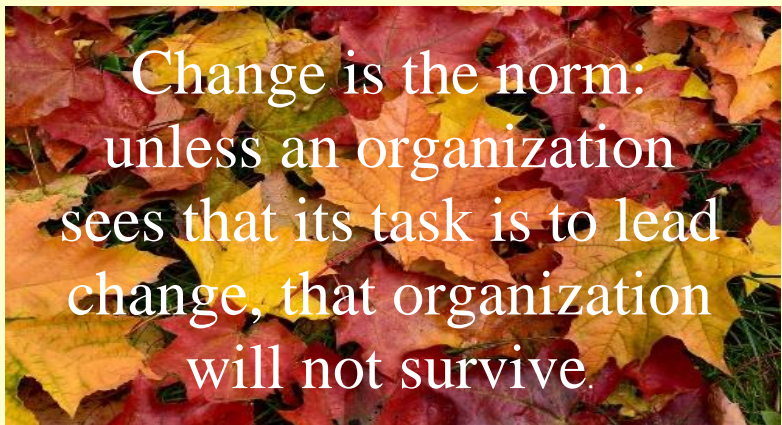
*Our incoming International Inner Wheel President, Dr Bina Vyas has challenged us to “**Lead the Change**” and to become a force to “reckon with” throughout the world. So I would ask you all to remain focused on what lies ahead and embrace the exciting challenge of the future and to “bring about positive, significant and meaningful difference in the world”*

With love and in friendship

Elizabeth



**Change is the norm:
unless an organization
sees that its task is to lead
change, that organization
will not survive.**



Inner Wheel Australia Changeover Blayney NSW



There in spirit.

An intimate Changeover, with only twenty in attendance, was held in Blayney where the collar was passed from IWA President Robyn Gillespie to the new IWA President Elizabeth Tooke.



President Elizabeth with Nola Blair (Nola introduced)



IWA Executive 2020 – 2021

*Left to Right IWA Vice President, Marilyn Skeggs, IWC The Hills, District A53
IWA Secretary, Maria Bargwanna, IWC Orange, District A50
IWA President, Elizabeth Tooke, Blayney, District A50
IWA Treasurer, Helen Foley, IWA Bayside, A62
IWA Immediate Past President, Robyn Gillespie, IWA Wagga Wagga, District*

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*Immediate Past President
and National Representative*

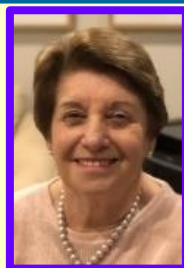
*Robyn Gillespie
Inner Wheel Club
Wagga Wagga*

After a very fulfilling role as IWA President for the 2019-2020 year, I look forward to the new challenge of representing you as National Representative. IIW President Bina has challenged all National Representatives to “**Lead the Change**” by organising Zoom Meetings for a Leadership Development Training Program during the month of July.

My role on Executive this year is to concentrate on Membership. This is probably one of the toughest assignments available!

I am intending to fully involve the Membership officers from each district in this program and in turn challenge them to involve their Club Membership officers. Zoom meetings will become a normal and regular part of all committee meetings. This affords us the opportunity to identify Membership concerns, share ideas and put in place steps to prevent loss of Members, Clubs and Districts.

We will concentrate on retention of Members, finding ways to fill executive positions at all levels and encouraging Clubs to make Membership of Inner Wheel enjoyable and satisfying.



*Vice President
Maralyne Skeggs
Inner Wheel Club
The Hills NSW*

Born and raised in the Hawkesbury district in Sydney, a city I love for its classical elegance, culture, gorgeous gardens, wonderful galleries, vibrant energy and thriving café scene. My childhood memories are of loving family, beach holidays, G.F.S., netball, tennis and squash

What turns my wheel?

- Family and friends
- Walking and great coffee
- Meeting people, networking
- Laughter and a sense of humour
- Music, Ballet, Theatre, Dancing, Art
- Long leisurely lunches with friends
- Entertaining – singalongs
- Cook books – regional food and wine
- Compassion and caring for people
- Stepping out of my comfort zone

What I've learnt in life?

- Family and friends are everything
- To be who you are be true to yourself
- To be a good listener
- You grow from adversity
- Positivity is a powerful force
- Bad and sad things happen to us over which we have no control but how we deal with it is entirely our choice
- Music and laughter are the best medicine and the power of a hug
- Education is the key to empowering the weak and vulnerable

I wish...

- I was more creative for a more caring world

What I love about Inner Wheel?

- Our objects and what we stand for
- The opportunity Inner Wheel gives us to put music in the lives of those who have no song to sing

I feel privileged to be part of President Elizabeth's team let us “**lead the change**” and embrace the new challenges ahead and we will get through it all.



*Secretary Maria
Bargwanna Inner
Wheel Club
Orange NSW*

Greetings from cool, crisp, sunny, and beautiful Orange.

I feel very honoured but apprehensive taking on the immense role as IWA Secretary. Taking over from Helen, a very professional and organised lady is wonderful as everything is so well set up. Thank you, Helen. Hopefully, I can be a support to President Elizabeth and contribute to the IWA Executive.

I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Orange in 2003, after retiring from a fulfilling career as Home Economics Head Teacher, to make new friends and help our community. Since then I have taken on many commitments including Club Treasurer, Historian, Correspondent, Cord Blood Coordinator, International Service Officer, Membership Officer and President as well as District A50 Treasurer, Membership, Chairman and Council Member. Through this journey and the friendships made at IIW Convention, IWA Conferences, District and Club meetings have been incredible. My aim is to spread the word of IW and promote our great organisation at every opportunity, to make sure it expands so we can all share our friendships, fun and service.

My family includes my husband Geoff, three daughters and five grandchildren. We travel overseas each year to visit them and have worn a constant path to Sydney.

We run a small 120 acre hobby farm breeding cattle, but have sold the stock due to the drought and are giving the farm and ourselves a rest. Volunteer work, gardening, cooking, reading and entertaining keep me busy.

I look forward to a great learning curve and challenge this year, I will do my best to respond to all emails and forward on information as it comes to hand. Regrettably due to the cancellation of the IWA Conference, we will not have a chance to meet but this paves the way for new ideas, as we strive to “**Lead the Change**” in these uncertain times.



*Treasurer
Helen Foley
Inner Wheel Club
Bayside Vic*

I heard of Inner Wheel through a friend, who as a Shire Council Member in the Dandenongs, had been invited to talk to the IWC Emerald. I was delighted when an invitation came to all wives of Members of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc, where my husband Brian was a Member, to attend an interest meeting to hear about Inner Wheel. I was ready for a new friendship network.

I joined Inner Wheel in 1994 as a Charter Member of Bayside in A62 and held positions including President, Secretary and Treasurer. I was District Cord Blood Coordinator for 7 years and District Treasurer for 3. Through Inner Wheel I have been privileged to meet a wonderful group of warm friendly Inner Wheel Members. As well as our monthly meetings we meet regularly for brunch, for 5 years we had a share trading group, through one of our Members I have learned to play croquet, through another I learned to play Mahjong and I am a regular at the book discussion group

Brian and I have been married for over 56 years. Our 4 children are all married and we are very proud of our 5 grandchildren.

I have long been involved in Community service through school parents' committees, Meals on Wheels, our Municipal Library and different groups within my Church community. I am an occasional gardener and an avid reader of many different genres and an enthusiastic visitor to art galleries.

I was elected IWA Treasurer from July 2018 and have found the position both challenging and rewarding. My life has been enriched by the opportunity to meet many more Inner Wheel Members than would otherwise have been possible.

**Introducing
IIW President
Bina Vyas**



MY BELIEF

Inner Wheel is the largest Women's Voluntary Service Organisation in the world, very soon ready to celebrate our centenary year in 2024. In the last 96 years, times have changed, needs have changed, humanitarian problems have changed, technology has changed and requirement of infrastructure has totally changed. Inner Wheel has been accommodating these changes however, we need to keep pace with the changing times. In fact, we need to have a vision to remain one step ahead of the coming changes.

OUR MISSION

We need to make an impact internationally by focusing on sustainable large community development projects, making larger Clubs and branding Inner Wheel in the public through our work.

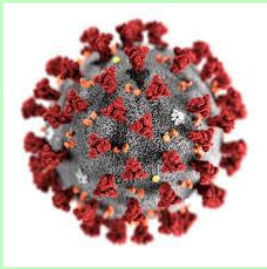
Inner Wheel needs to implement the recommendations of the UN to bring about change in our community development programs with special emphasis on Youth, Women and Senior Citizens.

We need to **lead the change** by:

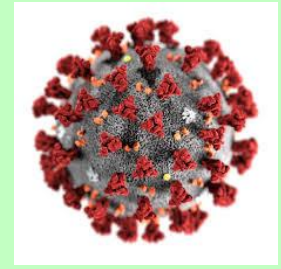
- Having our own Organisation's Strategic Plan and Goals
- Targeting Membership Growth
- Targeting increase in Number of Clubs
- Initiating Youth Clubs (18-25 age group)
- Initiating Youth Development Project for Girls (12-25 age group)
- Focusing on Projects on the recommendations of the United Nations
- Promoting brand image at Club, District and International levels
- Creating awareness about health, financial independence and education in our own Members and among the women everywhere
- Shortlisting like-minded cooperating organisations and establishing communication with them
- Working for collective leadership
- Executing Corporate International Projects

Let nothing stop us in becoming a force to reckon with in the world. Let us then **LEAD THE CHANGE** collectively to bring about positive, significant and meaningful difference in the world.

The World is waiting for us.



A COVID-19 Story



On Monday April 20, 2020 the Inner Wheel Club of Williamstown decided to induct a new Member using Zoom Video Conferencing. Our new Member had attended three meetings previously and was very keen to become an Inner Wheel Member. Her badge had been purchased, we were in the process of organizing our regular dinner meeting which was to include the induction, when it became clear our Club, along with every other Club Australia wide, would need to cancel all meetings where people gathered in groups. COVID-19 has certainly changed our world in many ways, we needed to become innovative, so as not to lose the momentum of gaining a new Member.

Due to privacy concerns, I cannot reveal her name at this stage but I wanted to share with all of you just how easy it was and so much fun to do. I opened a Zoom account, which is free for meetings which only last up to 40 minutes, and can have up to 100 participants. Firstly I watched an on-line tutorial, I only had to click on 'Host a Meeting', choose a date and time, copy the details and send them out (Zoom URL, Meeting Number, Pin Number, date and time) to all participants.

Set up for the meeting – I prepared my desk and cleared all clutter and placed our Club Banner, a rose and the Flame of Friendship in a position that would be seen by those joining the meeting. I also wore my President's Collar. One by one, Members connected and enjoyed seeing one another again after weeks in isolation, they laughed and had stories to tell. Once all had gathered in the Zoom Room we commenced the induction. I lit the Flame of Friendship, welcomed all to the Induction, recited the Collect and then proceeded to the formal Induction. Once concluded, we all cheered and welcomed our newest Member. The Flame of Friendship was extinguished and Members farewelled, the meeting ended. Notification of induction of a new Member to our Inner Wheel Club was sent, via email, to our Club Members who were not able to use Zoom, or participate for a variety of reasons.





IWA WANGARATTA CONFERENCE 2021 CONFERENCE NEWS “LET’S HAVE FUN IN 2021”

Hello everyone,

As you are all aware, because of the COVID-19 lock downs we had to cancel our plans to hold the Conference this year. We are very hopeful that by this time next year we will be back to normal and our plans will come to fruition in October 2021.

All Patti’s hard work with arranging venues etc for this year will be used next year as she has spoken to everyone concerned in Wangaratta and our bookings will be held over until then. The date will be Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th October. The only venue which may be doubtful was our proposed night on Wednesday which was to be a visit to the old Beechworth Asylum.

We have to thank the organizing committee for the 2021 Conference to be held in Sydney for their understanding and allowing us to postpone Wangaratta until 2021 with Sydney now to be in October 2022.

We are hoping that by the end of this year we will all be able to sit down, face to face, and continue on with our plans to **“Let’s have fun in 2021”**.



The reality is
that the only way change comes
is when you lead by example.

**Introducing
The
District Chairman**



*District A40 WA
(16 Clubs)
Sharon Lawrence
Albany Club*

We were very lucky to be able to hold our Changeover although the venue could not be at our normal meeting place, still it was a very enjoyable day, made even better due to the fact we all were extremely happy to be allowed to gather together.

Looking to the future is an exciting prospect for me, and I hope too, our Members. We are a strong state and although COVID has initiated the resignation of one or two Members, it has also consolidated the camaraderie and friendship of remaining Members. Some of whom came up with ingenious ideas for contact between us all.

My first goal as Chairman will be to ensure the ongoing advancement of our Western Australian Clubs, we have a wealth of knowledge to share and open minds for sharing with our sister Clubs.

Generally speaking, the chance to converse with Members within W.A. and gain some knowledge of their needs, their ideas and their philosophies is something I look forward to. So, to all you ladies who may read this article, and who hopefully I will get to meet, I trust that we can enjoy sharing time together, generate great friendships and at the least, learn from each other.



*District A50 NSW
(8 Clubs)
Patricia Cuming
Orange Club*

This year is certainly different to any other year, so there has been a few adjustments to come to terms with. Social distancing is a term we never thought we would be using in connection with Inner Wheel, where socializing and friendship is what we do best. We have embraced it with Zoom Executive meetings and a much smaller and very intermit Changeover. We restricted numbers to just the incoming and outgoing executive, the delegates from each of the 8 Clubs in our district and some special guests, namely IWA President Elizabeth Tooke and IWA Secretary Maria Bargwanna who are both from our District. Even though smaller it was nevertheless a lovely day.

In February next year, we are planning to have an Education Day to encourage Members, new and old, to take on positions in Clubs and ultimately on District. This, I feel is one of our biggest issues. Even though many Clubs and Districts have the numbers, new Members do not have the confidence and older Members do not wish to take on the jobs or they have already done them. This is my goal and plan for our District, and we still have the position of Junior Vice Chairman to fill.

I wish all my Inner Wheel Friends a safe and happy year.





*District A51 NSW
(8 Clubs)
Christine McCormack
Northern Beaches*

Due to COVID-19 I was unable to organize the Changeover meeting for July 2020 for A51. We have recently been able to organize a meeting for November 7, 2020, March 7, 2021 and a tentative date for the next Changeover Saturday July 4, 2021. We will make November 7 our Changeover/Christmas party should we be able to hold it. Due to COVID-19

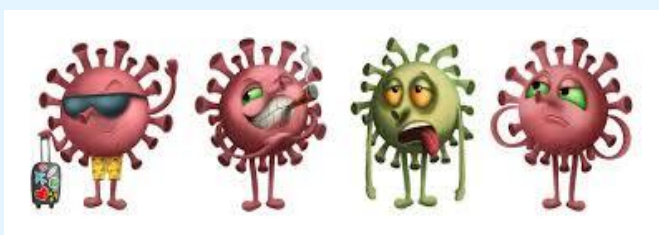
I can only look forward from here.

My hope for my year is to help our Clubs understand that friendship and support for each other is the most important thing to nurture during these difficult times.

Yes, we have processes that need to be followed and I know all secretaries will keep these things happening.

I believe a District Chairman's role is not to tell Clubs what to do and how to run their Clubs but to assist them in any way they need, support them and let them run their Clubs their way. District's role is to educate on IWA procedures.

Every Club is different, with different challenges, goals and needs. This year I would like the Clubs not to be concerned so much with fundraising but concentrate on enjoying their families, friends and associates. Showing them, by way of example, Inner Wheel Members care a great deal about those around them.



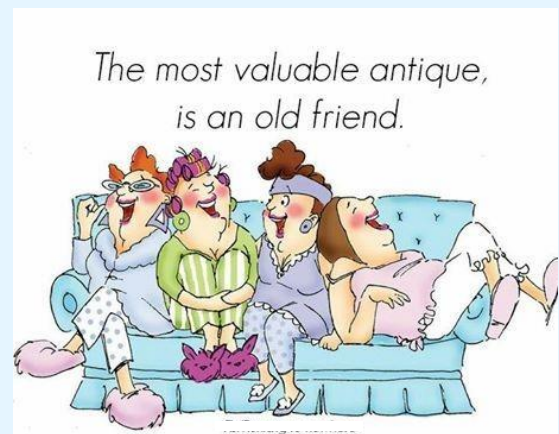
*District A53 NSW
(10 Clubs)
Clare Swaan
Norwest Club*

As incoming District A53 Chairman for 2020-2021 I'd like to introduce myself and give you a little bit of background on my 'Inner Wheel journey' so far.

I consider myself a relative 'newbie' to Inner Wheel, as I only joined in 2012. I have held various positions at my Club (Norwest) and have also been on District committee since 2017.

At Inner Wheel I have discovered a world of friendship, fun and fundraising that I truly enjoy being a part of. I am very proud of the work each and every Club manages to do, in their own way, supporting those in need both near and far. Inner Wheel Australia's ongoing work with Cord Blood research is also something I am proud to be connected with.

No doubt 2020-21 will be a challenging year, with social restrictions in place for so many of us. I will be encouraging our Clubs to find new ways to meet and support one another as well as their chosen charities despite these restrictions. I will be **leading the change** at District A53 and I know that our Clubs will be as keen as ever to be involved.





*District A54 NSW
(9 Clubs)
Joy Norrie
Narrandera*

We are a district of 8 Clubs from south western NSW and one Club from Victoria. Our District Changeover was cancelled when the nation locked down due to the pandemic. All functions, meetings and fundraising ceased after our March Picnic meeting. Most Members are “of a certain age” so all care needed to be taken. As restrictions eased in late June it was decided to hold a committee only function for changeover. Excitingly Past President IWA Robyn Gillespie and Past IWA Secretary Helen Donaldson attended our function. Although small, all enjoyed catching up with Inner Wheel friends. Some Clubs in District A54 are holding small changeovers and regular meetings with social distancing! There will be no district gatherings until later in the year however friendship continues with emails and phone calls keeping us in touch.

Our main goal in 20/21 is that of continued friendship, fun and support. We are trying to be creative with fundraising however this will be limited. An increase in Membership is a continuing goal within our District.

I am looking forward to Club visits and hope that I can visit all during the next year.

I feel sad for the Wangaratta ladies who have worked so hard to organize the Annual Conference but I will look forward to seeing the characters, so well introduced in Cairns, next year.



*District A55 NSW
(10 Clubs)
Wendy Bennet
Tamworth Club*

I am only one of many District Chairman who have had their year disrupted by the Pandemic that has brought the world to a standstill.

My heart goes out to Elizabeth, our Australian President, who has had to forgo her Changeover and the Conference where many Members from throughout Australia meet to implement policies and exchange greetings to one another. Have faith Elizabeth we will all ensure that you have a lovely and successful year ahead.

I look forward to fulfilling my role as Chairman for our District A55, and will endeavour to visit all our Clubs where I will meet the Members who may not be able to attend District Meetings, give encouragement and show interest in their projects that they are undertaking.

As we grow older it is important we have a goal, and the friendship we receive from the contact with other Inner Wheel Members is something we should cherish. All Members I know have the inner strength to look to the future and make Inner Wheel bigger and better than ever before.

Our Changeover Meetings can be whenever, it is the position we hold that is more important, we may have some challenges to overcome but, I will think of solutions, not let my worry control me – I will simply breathe, and it will be ok, because we will all work together for a successful year ahead.

I wish all District Chairmen in Australia and the World a happy, successful and fulfilling year ahead.



*District A61 VIC
(9 Clubs)
Lorena Hayes
Wandin Club*

With no fanfare officially as of 30th June 2020, I am now District A61 Chairman. A committee has been formed and planning for meetings is moving forward. Currently I should have been organising District changeover, however I am in a dilemma of not knowing what to do.

COVID-19 seems to have taken precedence over and above any organising or planning we might have had in mind. My venue of choice was to be Chirnside Park Country Club, which I have now booked for 7/11/2020, however, if changes occur the venue is prepared to refund deposit, and I am crossing my fingers that we as Inner Wheel will be able to have this event, if not we will soldier on to another plan.

Club visits will be set as usual, however if there are any changes I will be in contact.

This year has been very different from any former years, but I do encourage all of you to stay together and keep on top of any situation that might arise.

To all Clubs and Members, my message to you is to promote friendship through this time of crisis, and to keep your Members active through whatever means you can organise.

I, as District Chairman am looking forward to my visits to Clubs. These will be organized as soon as we know what restrictions are in place.

Look after yourselves and your loved ones and stay safe.



*District A62 VIC
(11 Clubs)
Maria McEwen
Narre Warren*

My Name is Maria McEwen and I am the A62 District Chairman. My changeover was not at all what I was planning it to be, due to the COVID-19 pandemic plans were changed several times and in the end I had a front doorstep changeover made very special by Past District Chairman Kate who presented the collar on a velvet cushion while her husband Garry took photos.

During this very different year I would like to promote true friendship, just like the first line of the Objects of Inner Wheel says. It is so important to reach out to keep our Clubs communicating and help them grow. We need to invite more of our friends, family and like-minded women to our meetings so that we can keep our Clubs alive.

My main goal for this year is to be able to grow our District but in order to do this we need to be able to have face to face meetings again and the world needs to get back into some form of normality.

I hope that we all get the chance to get on with the business of friendship and caring for those in need very soon.

*Changeovers
have occurred in
all sorts of
places, including
on the doorstep of
the in-coming
Chairman.*





*District A70 SA
(5 Clubs)
Tonia Lewry
Holdfast Marion*

I began my Inner Wheel journey 21 years ago as a charter Member of the Holdfast Marion Club. I have enjoyed my years in Inner Wheel and have made many friends and had many wonderful times. I took on the position of District Chairman because the position had become very hard to fill. Having taken this position (with great trepidation I might add) my hope is that by trying to make District meetings more of an event rather than just a meeting, we will be able to encourage newer Members to attend. We, for example plan to have our November meeting, as a Christmas Function, where we will table all reports and have a guest speaker.

I have lived in Adelaide all of my life, my husband Allan and I have two children and four grandchildren all of whom live in Victoria or Singapore. We have travelled extensively over the years and after this troubling time hope to travel to Melbourne and Singapore again.

Apart From Inner Wheel we have been involved in Rotary for many years, and I have officiated at athletics for nearly 30 years and been awarded Life Membership of Athletics SA.



*District A60 VIC
(6 Clubs)
Marilyn Baylis
Echuca Club
No report*



*District A76 QLD
(5 Clubs)
Jenni Bennett
Trinity After Dark*

I am very honoured to be elected as Chairman of District A76 for a second time. It was wonderful to have the National Conference 2019 in Cairns, District A76 and to have our Members involved in the Conference. We have 119 Members and managed to keep in touch with Members by telephone, letter writing and visiting at safe distances of course. Meetings should be almost back to normal in August. Technology is still a challenge for a lot of our Members and I hope that this time around, I will be able to assist a little more in getting some things, such as emails and Zoom meetings, running a little easier for Clubs and Members. Like a lot of Districts we had some challenges filling positions on both District and Club level. I am confident more mentoring will help fill the roles. Changeover was held at Spinal Life, Cairns on 4th July, 2020 on a perfect Cairns winter's day. We have an excellent Committee who are keen to work on the two great ships of Inner Wheel – Friendship and Membership! Membership remains a challenge, especially during these terrible times of COVID-19. However, I believe if we maintain the Objectives of Inner Wheel - We cannot fail. Fundraising will prove to be even more of a challenge! Looking forward to working with IWA President, Elizabeth!





*District A77 QLD
(14 Clubs)
Margaret Whitchurch
Toowoomba Club*

I never expected to be District Chairman for a second time, 22 years on, however as I am, and under the circumstances, it gives me the chance to do things differently.

In place of a visit to each Club I hope to group Clubs for the Chairman's Official Visit.

We could meet on a Saturday, starting with morning tea, then a planned program such as succession planning, the use of technology and how the District might move forward. After a social lunch, we would then wrap up.

Members would need to bring their ideas for an open, non-judgemental discussion, along with solutions to share.

As District Chairman, I would then be available if any Club needed me even for a meeting via Zoom.

Zoom is a wonderful asset but we must be mindful and helpful to those who have not used this form of technology. We must not frighten Members instead support them.

Succession Planning is a must. I believe we should be working harder to keep Members.

Ladies this is the year we have been given, so take the time to look back, to move forward.

Inner Wheel gives every Member the opportunity to do more for this organisation and their own lives, than you have ever dreamed possible.

Let us make the most of this opportunity.

To quote Winston Churchill

"A crisis is a terrible thing to waste"

Let us emerge from this crisis bigger, stronger, and smarter than ever and

LEAD THE CHANGE



*District A80 TAS
(7 Clubs)
Beverley Hite
Burnie Club*

I joined Inner Wheel in 1983 as a Charter Member of the Inner Wheel Club of Burnie and have previously served District as A80 Chairman 2005-06, Council Member, Secretary and Historian.

I look forward to visiting all the Clubs in the District and meeting up with the Members who do not attend the District meetings.

In June 2020 the Launceston Club handed in its Charter after 66 years of significant service to the community.

I am hopeful the remaining 7 Clubs of the District will retain existing Members or increase their Membership. The Clubs and the District are fortunate to have Members who are prepared to continue to take office. All but one Member of the Executive has served on District previously.

The District Changeover scheduled to take place in Burnie in July was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. In July a Zoom meeting was facilitated for the 'Getting to Know You'.

It is anticipated to hold the Friendship Luncheon at the Villarett Gardens during October. At this function the outgoing Executive will be farewelled.

My husband Tony and I have established many lasting friendships at Inner Wheel functions, Changeovers, Conferences and International Conventions during my 37 years of Membership.

Congratulations to outgoing District Chairman Chris Horswill for a job well done during a difficult year.



Non-Districted Clubs

Canberra-Belconnen ACT *President Roslyn Osbourne* *(21 Members)*

As Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Canberra Belconnen we send our best wishes to the many Members throughout the world who are affected by COVID-19. It is keeping us apart and yet draws us together as we empathise with everyone who is affected through illness in their communities, financial difficulties, or social isolation. As we have been physically distancing our Members have joined together through emails. Many supportive messages and life stories have been shared. Coffee mornings and committee meetings in available venues have helped smaller groups of Members to meet and plan. Some of our regular sources of income are threatened and we are seeking other ways to maintain a financial position so that we can continue to support those more vulnerable. Meetings have been suspended until venues are open and safe, and looking forward we may need to start using an internet platform for regular meetings. This is a new challenge we are considering. The most important goals for the Club at present are to maintain our strong friendship bonds, support one another especially those with health challenges, and to assist others in need.



Gosford North NSW

Dee Barham *(38 Members)*

We at Gosford North have managed to have our changeover with many Members and husbands able to join us, 42 in total. We had a lovely lunch and were so happy to catch up after 4 months.

We meet twice a month socially, having a morning tea, dinner or lunch for a get together but keeping numbers to COVID-19 safe.

Friendship is a big a part of our Club of 38 Members.

We are aiming to continue to have our 4 stalls twice a year which supply us with funds to continue helping others not as fortunate as ourselves.

Our Club is very involved in the Days for Girls and Sewing Kit Projects which keeps Members busy.

We are fortunate enough to have brilliant sewers and knitters who devote a lot of their spare time sewing very practical craft that sell very well at our stalls.

We also do 2 Trash and Treasure stalls where we sell plenty of books for \$2 each and also run 2 Vintage stalls a year.

As in previous years we have and will continue to support various charities eg Cord Blood, Life Line, We Care Connect, (who provide disadvantaged local children with necessary items) NG School, a local school where children go who don't fit into main stream schooling, an orphanage in Sri Lanka where some of our Members visited, Coast Shelter who house and feed local homeless, both young and old.

These are our aims at present, however COVID -19 and restrictions will determine what is achievable.



Tuggerah Lakes NSW
President Deborah Hannon
(15 Members)

As the newly elected President of Inner Wheel Tuggerah Lakes, I would like to thank my fellow Members for giving me the opportunity to preside over our wonderful team for 2020-2021. While I have only been involved with Inner Wheel for a relatively short time my goals as President will be: to grow our Membership, raise our profile in the community and ensure we have effective communication processes in place. As a new Club, only chartered in 2018, we have achieved so much already including hosting a High Tea for 170 people last year. Unfortunately this year has proved very challenging due to COVID-19. We have had to cancel a number of planned activities and have only recently been able to come together for our second meeting of the year where we held our Changeover Presentation. It was a sad time when District A52 closed after 50 years. Although I am confident we will continue to enjoy shared activities between our local Clubs as they have been incredibly supportive in helping us navigate the protocols of establishing a new Club.

I am looking forward to **Leading the Change** for the future success of Inner Wheel.



Terrigal NSW
President Lyn Hubble
(26 Members)

My name is Lyn Hubble, I am the new President of Inner Wheel Terrigal. So far, with all the current restrictions, it has been very difficult to make any plans for this year.

We hope to do what we can to keep sponsoring our Charities:

Local – Riding for the Disabled

Coast Shelter for the Homeless

National – Cord Blood

International

We are not sure when we can hold our next meeting but will work very hard to keep our ladies together and busy.

This is a very confusing time for everyone but hopefully we can all start getting back to normal as soon as possible.



From the Editor Chris Wickes

I am delighted to send to you my first addition of the Inner Wheel Australia Magazine and would like to thank all those who contributed.

Due to the cancellation of the large scale Changeover it is a Changeover Edition with a difference. At this stage I am not sure about what is happening with the 'Conference' Edition of the Magazine. I will let you know as soon as possible.

Wyang NSW
President Sue Arthur
(19 Members)

Wyang met at the Charmhaven Rural Fire Service on 30 June, 2020 to present a donation to the service from the Inner Wheel Australia Fire Disaster Fund. On behalf of the Central Coast Fire District, Superintendent Viki Campbell, District Manager, accepted a cheque for \$7000 from Club president, Sue Arthur.

Ms Campbell said, "The Fire Service is very pleased to receive this donation. The funds will be used specifically for the purchase and fitting of reversing cameras for at least ten fire vehicles which will assist in improving the safety of trucks and firefighters."

"The Charmhaven Fire Service is what is known as a "support brigade" Ms Campbell advised. "There are 2 488 volunteers across the district. During the recent catastrophic fires, they travelled to all parts of the state and, in very tense situations, provided whatever support was needed. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of the service.

"There are 57 brigades across the Central Coast District with a total fleet of 246 vehicles, of which 136 are firefighting vehicles."

Ms Arthur explained that Inner Wheel Clubs raised funds nationally to support those whose lives were devastated by the fires, and Inner Wheel in Germany raised substantial funds which were earmarked to support the Australian Rural Fire Service and its firefighting heroes.

"The donation from Inner Wheel Germany reflects the truly international bonds and friendship which exist among Members throughout the world, particularly in times of national disasters," Ms Arthur proudly said.

Photos and article sent in by Margaret Unwin, Publicity Officer



Flames are seen engulfing bushland on Arizona Road, Charmhaven New Year's Eve 2019.

Photos sourced from Facebook



Wyang Sue Arthur was delighted to hand Inner Wheel Australia's donation of \$7000 to Superintendent Viki Campbell, watched by Members of Wyong IW Club and RFS volunteers.



Inner Wheel makes a difference!

