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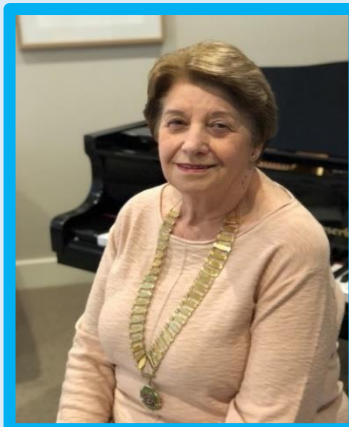
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(Blayne)

**Introducing
IWA Executive
2021-2022**



*Inner Wheel Australia
President
Maralyne Skeggs
Inner Wheel Club
The Hills, NSW*

The warmth and friendship from members certainly made changeover an unforgettable experience that I will treasure forever. Thank you to all members who were able to attend changeover.

I am enjoying my role as IWA President with assistance from the Executive Committee who are:

<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Lynne Davine</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Pat Mathews</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Lorraine Hyde</i>
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>Elizabeth Tooke</i>

Success is never something that just happens by chance. It takes team work and this is something which Inner Wheel members thrive on. Our districts can only be enhanced by the tremendous support which clubs willingly give.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our incoming District Chairman, Club Presidents and office bearers that we are all volunteers in our roles in Inner Wheel. However, what a great job we can do if we want to.

Some clubs and districts officers have applied for an extension in their various positions to help support and see clubs or districts throughout this next year. Thank you so much for your dedication.

At the moment, I am in lockdown and unfortunately have had to cancel all visits that have been organized for July and August. I am hoping I will be able to start doing some visits by November.

Registrations are coming in for the Inner Wheel Australia conference in October 2021 in Wangaratta. The conference committee are excited with the early response. The theme for conference is "Let's have fun in 2021. I look forward to catching up with you all at our annual conference.

I would like to leave you with these words.....

Friendship is a gift in life that brings us happiness. The basic source of happiness is a good heart, compassion and love.

Be kind, be grateful, and be a friend.

Maralyne Skeggs

IWA President

**True friends are
never apart, maybe
in distance but never
in heart.**



Inner Wheel Australia Changeover Paramatta, NSW



On Saturday the 19th of June around 120 Members and guests attended the Inner Wheel Changeover at the Parkroyal-Paramatta. The tables looked wonderful decorated with pink roses. Secretary Maria Bugwanna called everyone to order and following the formalities the collar was passed from Elizabeth Tooke to the President for 2021-2022, Maralynne Skegg.



Roseanna Gallo, entertained us on the night with songs such as 'We Are Australian' and ABBA. We were encouraged to join in.



COVID has struck again! Photographer Judith Banks took many wonderfully clear photos I am sure but sadly they are locked in her camera. So I have had to rely on photos taken by Maureen Rose and myself. So apologies for the quality and thanks Maureen, you are a life saver.



President Marilyn gives her maiden speech.



Inner Wheel Australia Council Members



IWA Executive 2021 – 2022

*Left to Right – National Representative, Elizabeth Tooke, IWC Blayney, District A50
IWA Treasurer, Lorraine Hyde, IWC Wyong, Non Districted Club
President, Marilyn Skeggs, IWC The Hills, District A53
IWA Secretary, Pat Mathews, IWC Gosford North, Non Districted Club IWA
IWA Vice President, Lynne Davine, IWC Warragul, District A62*

June, 2021



*Vice President
Lynne Davine
Inner Wheel Club
Warragul, Vic*

I am delighted to serve as IWA Vice President 2021-2022 and looking forward to the challenges ahead.

I am a Charter member of the Inner Wheel Club of Warragul in A62 District, Victoria. I have served as President twice and on committee in different roles. I was District Chairman in 2016-2017 and IWA council Member in 2017-2018.

I am married to Paul and have five children and ten grandchildren who are all the delight of my life.

As a Classically trained singer, I have performed over many years as soloist and chorister with different choirs and orchestras. I teach singing at St. Paul's Anglican Grammar School in Warragul and privately.

I have volunteered with Red Cross Blood Bank and Meals on Wheels and was instrumental in organising several concerts for disaster relief including the Ash Wednesday fires and the Tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

I was born in Papua New Guinea where my parents settled after World War 2 where my father had served in the RAAF, and after discharge, established a coffee plantation and became heavily involved in community and national service.

There being no secondary schools in PNG, my sister and I attended, as boarders, St. Michael's Anglican Grammar School in Melbourne, returning home once a year at Christmas.

Inner Wheel has given me a treasured involvement in a worldwide sisterhood of like-minded women, working towards the betterment of the oppressed and disadvantaged in the world. I am looking forward to continuing my contribution to our nearly one hundred years of national and international service as we work towards achieving our social project, **'STRONG WOMEN, STRONGER WORLD'**.



*Immediate Past President
& National Representative
Elizabeth Tooke
Inner Wheel Club Blayney*

Thank you all for the opportunity to have been your President this last year. It has been both a privilege and an honour. I have been overwhelmed by the support and friendship as I visited Districts encouraging members to "Lead the Change".

Even though social distancing and self-isolation have become a part of our lives, COVID-19 has taught us the importance of community, flexibility and adaptability.

Our dependency on meeting face to face has been tested and we have stepped outside our comfort zones to embrace new technologies. There were disappointments including my inability to personally visit North Queensland and Western Australia, Changeovers and our Wangaratta Conference were cancelled, and the IIW Convention went virtual.

This year's theme is "**Pink First**". "Poverty, discrimination and violence are still strongly present in women's and girls' lives". IIW President Ebe Martines asks members around the world to focus on Health, Education, Opportunity and Empowerment so we might achieve gender equality and empowerment, as well as increasing our membership as we head towards Inner Wheel's centenary year.

It is important that members bring new ideas to the Executive, such as the fund raiser "Sean's Two for Ten Walk", and the promotional QR code. Sharing ideas, big or small, helps this organisation move forward and the Executive have worked tirelessly to implement suggestions.

Following input at the new Zoom District Membership meetings it was proposed that IWA should print new brochures and develop an advertising campaign, so we will form a task force to develop a National Media campaign which will celebrate one hundred years of Inner Wheel.

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I continue to be amazed at the generosity of members when it comes to supporting programs whether in their local community, nationally or internationally. Significant private donations during the year into our Foundation Trust will allow us to do so much more.

I would like to congratulate everyone who undertook a new role in Inner Wheel last year and extend Maralyne my best wishes as IWA President.

*empowered women,
empower women.*



*Secretary
Pat Mathews
Inner Wheel Club
Gosford North. NSW*

Greetings everyone. To give you a brief overview of my history, I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Gosford North Inc in 1984, and from that time on I have been completely immersed in Inner Wheel at club and District level.

In addition I held the position of Cord Blood Officer in my club and at District since the inception of the national project until last year.

That friendship is the cornerstone of Inner Wheel is its most worthy attribute, and this is what has underpinned my long-time membership.

I am happy to be undertaking the role of Secretary of IWA, and I ask for your tolerance during my learning period. I do look forward to meeting many of you at the Conference at Wangaratta in October – COVID permitting.

Best wishes to you all, and keep safe and well in these troubled times.



*Treasurer
Lorraine Hyde
Inner Wheel Club
Wyong. NSW*

I've held all club positions – some several times over. I was always interested in district matters and graduated to becoming IWA Treasurer in 2002 followed by President in 2009 and IIW Board Director in 2011.

Quite a break one would think, however when I was asked to nominate for IWA Treasurer in 2020 and encouraged by my husband John, I did nominate and now I am here as your new treasurer.

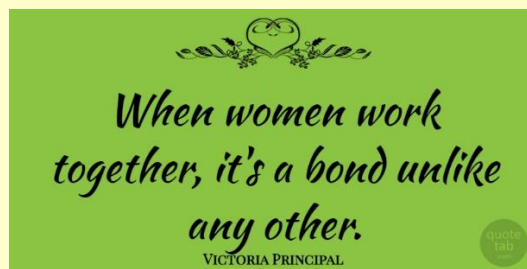
I passed the Advanced Certificate of Accounting with Distinction and worked as Office manager for a chartered accountancy firm getting the opportunity to further my studies and skills at higher levels of accountancy.

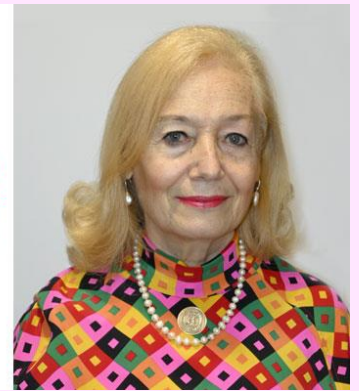
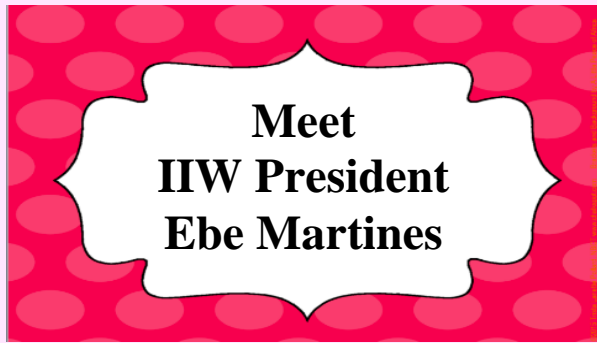
All the while, holding positions at club and district level.

John and I built our current home in Hamlyn Terrace in 2004 and since our children have their own homes we considered downsizing. This was before I received the boxes and extra computer from previous treasurer Helen. My study is full and downsizing on hold.

At all times I have the welfare of our wonderful organisation at heart. I am truly looking forward to this year and working with a great team. I am always here for members, willing to listen and answer questions.

My wish is for every member to enjoy Inner Wheel – have a great 2021 -2022 everyone.





Dear Friends

Inner Wheel was officially born in 1924 – and its centennial anniversary is rapidly approaching – thanks to the initiative of a group of ladies who met at the Turkish Baths in Manchester and gave start to one of the most important volunteering Organisations in the world.

Since that inaugural date, IW has been tirelessly working in favour of needy human beings, mainly girls, young and old women.

The UN's 4th World Conference on women held in Beijing, China, in 1995 has brought steps forward in some areas of women's and girls' lives but poverty, discrimination and violence are still strongly present in their lives.

The UN 2030 Agenda clearly states that gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is the catalyst for the achievement of all sustainable development goals.

The Under Secretary General and UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka declared that "One half is an equal share and only equal is enough".

Women helping women, then, is the orientation of my

IIW's Presidential Theme 2021-2022 "PINK FIRST".



‘Sean’s Two for Ten’

How lucky are we to have Sean, a very special boy, whose life was saved by cord blood, as our major ambassador? They say every picture tells a story. What better story can there be. \$54,725.00 for the walk alone, withfund raising and donations and a last minute donation of \$130,000.00 brings the total for 2020-21 to \$316,153.00



I just wish I could include on this page every photo, wonderful story, and messages of support I received throughout the year

Thank you all. It's been an amazing journey.

Dallice Robins



CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

We **WILL** have great fun in Wangarratta in '21

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday visit our registration venue at the Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway and enjoy a cuppa, great chat and warm welcome, meet old friends, make new ones. Buy a raffle ticket or two or purchase cord blood merchandise.

Wednesday:- WOW, hope everyone is ready for the "spooky spooky night" visit to the old asylum at Beechworth, after having dinner at the Nicholas Hotel enjoying a talk on historical Beechworth.

Thursday:- The opening ceremony, listening to cord blood scientist Professor Jenkin or one of his team. Our beautiful rose ceremony, remembering those who have been called to higher service. After a boxed luncheon everyone is asked to be involved in the forum.

Evening:- Have a HOOT of a time at our relaxed COUNTRY HOE-DOWN welcome night with Lazy Harry entertaining us. Dress for the evening is "country casual".

Friday:- While the governing body is working others can enjoy The Silos Tour which takes in five silos, one water tour & one painting. Then enjoy luncheon at the Devenish pub or the other choice.....Love wine tasting? You will enjoy the King Valley wines, stopping at the Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield for lunch. There is, of course, another option which is to do some retail therapy at the Wangaratta CBD. Shopping vouchers will be included in the Conference booklet.

Friday evening:- Glad rags and dancing shoes on for the Gala Dinner at the Turf Club where we will enjoy good food and 12 piece orchestra.

Saturday:- Down to important part with the business session from 8.30am - 12.30pm. While enjoying your boxed luncheon you will listen to the Army Band on the Cathedral lawns. Then back into the PAC for more entertainment and closing ceremony.

Saturday:- also schedules a great day for partners, with a tour and tastings at the Whiskey & Chocolate factory, Luncheon on the Cumberoona Paddle Steamer then on to the Boorahman Hotel for beer tastings.

Following this full packed day you will be entertained by Reclining Rockers for a STARRY STARRY NIGHT again at the Turf Club. You will be able to catch up with friends and say "Till we meet again".

We have had queries from members regarding refunds if this dreaded COVID debacle continues. Hopefully by the end of September enough people will have been vaccinated and lockdowns will be a thing of the past and we will be able to welcome everyone to the beautiful Rural City of Wangaratta **HOWEVER** if worst case scenario occurs you can be assured a refund will be actioned.

**Introducing
The
District Chairman**



*District A40 WA
(16 Clubs)
Lesley Colliver
Geraldton Club*

When I first joined Inner Wheel Club of Geraldton in 2016, I had no idea that I would end up as District Chair five years later.

A retired bookkeeper, I live in Geraldton, have three children, twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

It is my hope that during my year as A40 District Chairman I can foster Inner Wheel's objectives, with an emphasis on True Friendship. The COVID Pandemic is not going to go away very soon and is continuing to disrupt all our lives. We all need our friends to turn to when circumstances become trying. In turn, we can all offer our friendship to someone who needs a friendly face or a sympathetic ear.

One of the challenges that Inner Wheel faces is the lack of members stepping up to become part of the Executive Committee. Any organisation is only as strong as its leadership, and we need more members to join in the governance and leadership at District level. Think of time spent on the Committee as an experience in life; an opportunity to enjoy something different, to meet new women from other walks of life; and at the same time an opportunity to give back to the members of the Clubs that make up your District. I have met so many amazing women since I joined the Executive Committee; I find it quite inspirational and uplifting.



*District A50 NSW
(8 Clubs)
Kaye Preema
Lithgow Club*

It is with some trepidation I take the reins of the A50 District Chairman's position for 2021-22.

For the Changeover Luncheon I chose a theme of paper cranes – a symbol of peace, love, hope and healing during challenging times. The Japanese cranes were a gift to attendees, the hilarious entertainment being a challenge to make one themselves. All but one failed! That afternoon restrictions came into force for regional NSW. Borders closed, COVID spreading, masks.

In these challenging times who knows what is ahead of us. Mental health and the need for support, listening, caring, strong friendships, fun and laughter are key to the coming year. I hope to minimise formalities and protocols this year with a focus on members and what they want. A majority of our members have been volunteers, worked tirelessly for charities including Inner Wheel, been on committees over a lifetime and with the current challenges facing us it is time for self-care. By the end of my year I hope District A50 members and Executive can look back and feel they have felt the warmth of friendship, laughter and entertainment and have wanted to come together. I want A50 to remain relevant, active and with a purpose.





*District A51 NSW
(8 Clubs)
Linda Pederson
Sydney Club*

COVID 19 looms again in District A51 and we are all locked down right at Changeover time – so many cancellations. But, you know, we women have been shown to be very adaptive to change and maybe this pandemic has led to outcomes that will leave a positive mark on our organisation as we move forward. We are now able to stay connected over the miles and harnessing technology for good. Zoom meetings are becoming a staple. We are becoming creative with our meetings and developing resourceful solutions and all appreciating what we have. For many it has been a hard time and very isolating and we need to reach out and support those people.

Over the next year it will be time to re-energise and showcase ourselves with a District Expo planned for March. We will also have on-line training for Club Officers, staying connected with Club Presidents with regular zoom meetings and friendship days where possible.

Wishing everyone a safe and positive year ahead.



*District A53 NSW
(10 Clubs)
Leigh Smith
Blacktown City
Club*

My aim for this year is to spread the friendship of members with all clubs. I would like to see clubs invite another club to attend their meeting or have a social day out maybe for morning or afternoon tea, a luncheon or a picnic. As there are a lot of members from clubs who do not attend District so they do not know other Inner Wheel members other than those that are in their club and I hope this will give them a chance to get to know each other and a change of ideas that could be a benefit to all.

Also, to invite family members to a meeting and let them know what we are about and maybe able to have them join your club.

Encourage members to talk to other groups about Inner Wheel and maybe encourage the group to attend a club meeting.

Ask all clubs to host a guest speaker to attend and inform the members of the work that the Charity is all about and maybe attend their meeting and maybe encourage their members to join your club.



The Inner Wheel Social Project runs for three years and is announced at each Convention.



*District A54 NSW
(9 Clubs)*

*Carmel La Rocca
Griffith East Club*

No report received.

From the Editor Chris Wickes

*Father, accept our thanks we pray,
For blessings showered on us each day,
And may Thy love in friendship seal,
All members of the Inner Wheel.
Amen*

I am sure you have all read or heard this prayer many times, but do you know where it comes from? I was looking at the Members area on the International Inner Wheel Website (Victoria was in lockdown) and I found it under Graces. It was called the District 12 Prayer. If you haven't looked at this website lately, it is worth a look. It is very uplifting to see the wonderful Projects that Clubs all over the world are involved in. I also found interesting the training modules for Clubs and Districts.



*District A55 NSW
(10 Clubs)*

*Maureen Newbigin
Inverell Club*

We have been able to hold District meetings since November 2020, and welcomed Elizabeth Tooke to Inverell. We had a very good attendance as everyone was keen to connect once more.

I joined Inner Wheel in 2004 and have enjoyed every minute. I have held various positions including President, Treasurer, International Officer, Social Convenor and Membership.

This year's theme of **Pink First** by IIW President Elect Ebe Panitteri Martines encourages us to work together to help women's causes including Health, Education, Opportunity and Empowerment, I personally like the three year theme of Strong Women Stronger World.

Every club is different but they get the job done. My theory is you do what you can do.

If anyone had asked me five years ago would I be coming in as Chairman, I would have said no.

I never thought I could do it, but by attending district meetings and then going on District committees you find out that everyone is so supportive and encouraging and you think maybe. I encourage members to think about District, there are easier positions to start with and the friendship is amazing.

I wish Maralyne and all the incoming Chairmen a very fruitful and successful year





*District A60 VIC
(6 Clubs)
Ruth Thompson
Geelong Club*

I became Acting District Chairman in September 2020 following the resignation of our previous Chairman. A60 had been in virtual hibernation since our February District meeting due to COVID 19 lockdowns. Abraham Lincoln once stated: 'Do not become hostage to an uncertain future; create your own future'. Action was needed, starting with the introduction of Zoom for our November District Meeting. The response by members was encouraging, and one club started using Zoom for their meetings also. A60 Executive Committee meetings are now conducted on Zoom, saving travel time and expense, and enabling members who rely on others for transport to take on Executive roles.

A60 District Committee and Clubs now are operating as normal, despite the possibility of further lockdowns getting in the way. However, there is more work to do. Recycling and role-sharing is rampant, and clubs are struggling to maintain membership numbers. It is time to review our modus operandi – do not remain hostage to ways that are no longer working. Create new ways. All it takes is the ability and desire to change.



*District A61 VIC
(9 Clubs)
Carol Harvey
Kingslake Rangers
Club*

I am very proud to be the new A61 District Chairman, \ I was inducted on 03/07/2021.

My Club is the Kinglake Ranges which is small but with all amazing ladies.

During Victoria's lockdown, as many Clubs we were not able to meet with other Clubs within A61 District.

My hope for the following year is to re-join all Clubs and once again have the Friendships we certainly missed.

As we go forward into 2022 I hope Australia and the world will open up for people to travel once again.

I hope we can all get together and enjoy one another company and Friendship which Inner Wheel is all about.

Our Changeover was held at the Whittlesea Bowls Club, where we had a High Tea.

I would like to wish all District Chairman an enjoyable and successful year ahead.





*District A62 VIC
(11 Clubs)
Alwyn Williams
Pakenham*

I couldn't have imagined, 21 years ago when I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham, that I would eventually become Chairman of our District- A62. But as we have learnt, even more particularly over the past 18 months, we must adapt, take advantages of opportunities when they arise and make the most of those opportunities! I am very grateful to those members of Inner Wheel from my Club, District and overseas who have inspired and encouraged me.

Victoria, and in particular Greater Melbourne, has been severely affected by changes and restrictions but it has been so heartening to see how each club has coped. How they have shown strength, resilience and personal growth and still have been able to raise an amazing amount of money in a variety of innovative ways. We have learnt how to do things differently, accepted that change must happen and to make use of all the modern technology we can.

Fortunately my incoming Secretary, Treasurer and I were able to visit the incoming executives of 10 of our 11 clubs for a get to know you session in April which allowed us to become familiar with faces and names and gave us the chance to discuss strengths of each club and answer as many questions as we could. A different approach, but well worthwhile.

Our Welcome and Information Day, within two days' notice, needed to be changed from an anticipated social gathering to a zoom meeting. We have our fingers crossed that District and Club Changeovers will be able to go ahead as planned. We have missed our social interaction and the opportunity to pursue our face to face service commitments. However, regardless of the restrictions, I am confident that District A62 will continue to thrive with positivity and enthusiasm in 2021-2022.



*District A70 SA
(5 Clubs)
Andra Hein
The Adelaide Hills*

District A70's Changeover was celebrated in the ballroom of the historic Auchendarroch House in the Adelaide Hills. Last minute changes had to be made due to COVID restrictions. A toast to our country Australia was made sitting down and no singing entertainment was allowed. Attendees enjoyed a delicious two course luncheon and Inner Wheel friendship.

I joined the Adelaide Hills Inner Wheel Club some 21 years ago as a Charter member and this has introduced me to a wonderful world of fun, friendship and service.

My focus for the year ahead is for each Club in District A70 to increase their membership. I would also like to see a new generation club of younger members formed as well.

There is a need to have a strong succession plan enacted to ensure the ongoing future for the A70 District Executive. The wheel of friendship must continue to revolve.

I intend to reduce the amount of business done at District meetings and have guest speakers. Hopefully this will encourage more members to attend. Besides Friendship Day and World Inner Wheel day, I intend to have more social outings.

I embrace the year ahead and the challenges it may bring.

A STRONG WOMAN IS SOMEONE WHO
RAISES OTHER WOMEN UP INSTEAD
OF TEARING THEM DOWN.

- BRUNO MARS



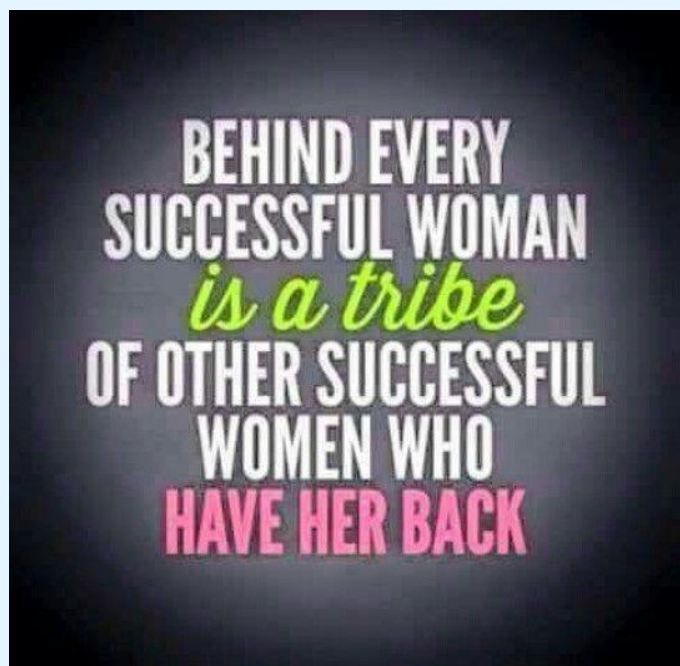
District A76 QLD (5 Clubs)

*Kazzandra Maunder
Trinity After Dark
Club*

Hello! My name is Kazzandra Maunder and I am honoured to be the 2021-2022 District Chairman for A76.

I am a third generation member of Inner Wheel and currently work as a High School teacher and head of department.

I am excited for the year ahead. I hope my District continues to grow, gain visibility within our various communities and members enjoy each other's company. Above all, we are a friendship based organisation and I am excited to make more friends as I carry out my duties over the next twelve months.



District A77 QLD (14 Clubs)

*Liz Godfrey
Harvey Bay Club*

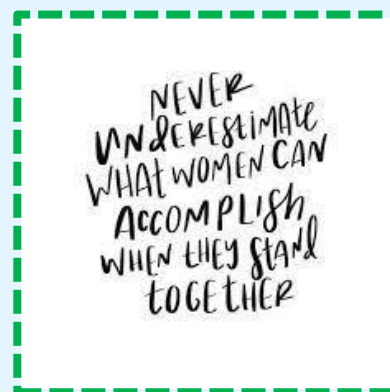
I am looking forward to a second time around as the District Chairman. Our District is quite large in distance as it being over 700 km between Boonah and Rockhampton and over eight hours of travel.

Last time I was District Chairman 2013-2014 we had 19 Clubs. The District now has 14 Clubs. One of my main aims is to help Clubs maintain their members and support Clubs in any way possible to be able to do this.

I will continue with the Presidents Zoom meetings that have been enjoyed by the previous Club Presidents. These are held about every 6 weeks to encourage Presidents to ask questions and discuss what each Club is doing.

I have encouraged each of the Presidents to follow the IIWP Theme for the next 12 months. **PINK FIRST** along with the Social Theme of **Strong Women, Stronger World**.

Our District Changeover is being held in Hervey Bay Qld on Saturday 17th July 2021. At the moment, we are hoping that the pandemic will allow us to host 130 guests at this function.





*District A80 TAS
(6 Clubs)*

*Margot Patten
Clarence Club*

The A80 District Changeover is on July 10 and will be held at the Beltana Bowls Club, where, my Club Clarence meets.

Last year was challenging but we made the most of the available technologies and still managed to have fun, friendship and achieve out IW goals.

We have been luckier than most and were able to meet in November last year for our District meeting, where we welcomed Elizabeth Tooke.

I aim to make the most of the good things we have used to combat COVID communication issues –Zoom, so we don't have to travel as much, group emails and innovative thinking to solve our fundraising issues.

We have an enthusiastic Executive Committee and lots of experienced ladies to help us in these roles.

Yours in friendship



**Congratulation A80 on your 30th
Charter Anniversary.**

**Non-Districted
Clubs**

*Canberra-Belconnen ACT
President Elaine Dennis
(19 Members)*



At this time, with COVID 19 breathing at our door, it is fairly difficult as the new President of Canberra Belconnen Inner Wheel Club to make too many plans in advance.

The most important item on our agenda at this time is planning our 50th Birthday celebrations which are to take place in November this year. Our wonderful committee have this well underway with invitations ready to be sent out and the first of our working bees organized for early July. I can tell you that the theme revolves around Alice in Wonderland.

As we are an ageing club our main theme is that of friendship and support of our members. While we have recently lost some of our members because of changed circumstances, we have welcomed two new ladies. We have had one transfer from the Orange Club and a prospective new member who came to our meeting yesterday.

There has been some interest in trying to charter a new club. One particularly targeting younger women but these plans will have to be held over until next year.





Gosford North NSW
Anita Venn
(37 Members)

On the 9th July, 54 members and guests of IW Gosford North met for our 49th Changeover. It was a wonderful night of great food and friendship. A new member was inducted on the night which brought our club numbers back to 37 members, having one of our longstanding members sadly pass away earlier this year.

We reflected back on our achievements in the year 20-21 and felt satisfied that the objects of Inner Wheel were met.

As far as plans go, we have a big fashion parade in September for Cord Blood Research, 4 Craft Stalls and a huge Vintage/Garage sale as well as a book stall all this side of Christmas. This enables us to support charities who are in great need. Our craft stalls feature hand craft work sewn and knitted by our wonderful members.

Over the years we seem to have developed a following of very happy customers who keep returning to our stalls. The use of Social Media has been a great help to keep our customers informed of our movements.

Our goal besides friendship and fundraising is to increase our membership of 37 to 38 and keep all current members happy.

We have an ad running along with editorials published in our local newspaper which also gives Inner Wheel good exposure.

Our club has a mentoring programme in which members are encouraged to take on a role the following year by familiarising themselves by working with the officer in question. We began this idea in 2020 and had success with 6 newer members taking on jobs that otherwise would have been taken by longer serving members who have done these jobs over and over again. We look forward to them bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to our 49 year old club and look forward to working with them.

We hope our Inner Wheel goals and plans will not be hindered by this current COVID situation and wish Inner Wheel Australia all the best for the year ahead.



Scone NSW
President Ros Pinfold
(19 Members)

In 2020-21 our club was only able to hold five regular meetings due to COVID constraints. As all members of our committee had agreed to continue in their respective roles for the 2021-22 year, it was decided not to hold a Changeover meeting for this year.

A major highlight of our year was the induction of three new members into our club - Kate Halliday, Liz Coughlan and Lyn Chard. All have since proven to be very active and enthusiastic members.

In 2021-22 we will continue to support our local Red Cross Group by assisting them to convert items of donated clothing that are unsuitable for re-sale, into bags of saleable "salvage" rags.

We will also continue to support our local community by purchasing and, with help from the men of Scone Men's Shed, erecting a new community notice board at a local supermarket.

Our club will commence helping out with a reading program at a local school once COVID restrictions have been lifted and we are also keen to lend a hand in support of our local Legacy Group.

Unfortunately, in July, COVID again prevented us from holding our regular meeting. However, we are all greatly looking forward to being able to meet again very soon so we can commence our 2021-22 program and regain our pre-COVID momentum.



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Terrigal NSW
President Sheryl Pearce PHF
(26 Members)

In 2020-21 our club was only able to hold five regular meetings due to COVID constraints. As all members of our committee had agreed to continue in their respective roles for the 2021-22 year, it was decided not to hold a Changeover meeting for this year.

A major highlight of our year was the induction of three new members into our club - Kate Halliday, Liz Coughlan and Lyn Chard. All have since proven to be very active and enthusiastic members.

In 2021-22 we will continue to support our local Red Cross Group by assisting them to convert items of donated clothing that are unsuitable for re-sale, into bags of saleable "salvage" rags.

We will also continue to support our local community by purchasing and, with help from the men of Scone Men's Shed, erecting a new community notice board at a local supermarket.

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Wyong NSW
President Robyn
(20 Members)

A very enjoyable 62nd Changeover was held in a recently upgraded historic hotel in Wyong. A cosy fire completed an atmosphere of friendliness and our guest speaker from Blaze Aid gave us an insight into this volunteer orgMurrayanisation helping farmers in times of crisis. A positive beginning to the year and we looked forward to planning the months ahead. Three days later we were in COVID lockdown and like so many Clubs, meetings postponed, and a major fundraiser in August cancelled. Such are the challenges of the Inner Wheel year, but as we found last year, there is more than one way to do things.

On the calendar so far, we will meet with the other four nearby Clubs for a Friendship Day in the Hunter Valley hosted by the IWC of Scone, enjoy our annual reciprocal Lunch by Ferry with IWCs Belmore and Northern Beaches; as well as monthly coffee meetings, car boot sale, Bunnings BBQ and guest speakers at meetings. Our Club Editor produces a wonderful newsletter, Wyong Whispers, filled with photos, news and anecdotes, which has kept us informed, entertained and connected.

I am a firm advocate of correct meeting process and protocols to ensure our Inner Wheel turns in an orderly fashion, but also, in these uncertain times, it is important to support each other at Club level and meet together often to 'just have fun'.



This is a translation of the Norwegian Newsletter on the following page.

‘International understanding’ at its best

ALONG THE MEMORY ROAD.

FROM THE INNER WHEEL NORWAY NEWSLETTER MAY 2021

As a participant at the 18th Convention at Jaipur - digital, I allowed my thoughts to go back to the Conventions I have been to. It is 12 in total with this digital Convention. My thoughts stopped with the last one in Melbourne in 2018.

Maybe it is not the actual Convention in my thoughts, but what happened after the Convention. Helene Torkildsen, Birgit Bye and I were so lucky to be invited to the home of Wigdis Walde (Vicki Kruber) who moved together with her family from Stavanger to Australia. It was a memorable three days.

She is a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren, they were actively involved in the Convention, Chief Steward and Stewards. Very active ladies. We were looked after very well, sightseeing, lunches and social gatherings with many of the club members.

What I remember best was that we three Norwegians were invited to a 'club meeting' where they were also celebrating a member's birthday. We had to wear something connected with football and Wigdis organised football scarves for us. It was a good meeting where friendship was in abundance.

It started with club business. Further on they had a programme called Sunshine and Shadows where members can share their happy or sad stories about what had happened since last meeting. Some could have been on a delightful holiday or perhaps a family member had been ill. If you did not want to share, that was fine also. I thought this was a wonderful idea to have as part of the meeting program as then members get to know each other better and can take care of each other.

It was over to the birthday celebration where the member celebrating her birthday (Liz Chudleigh) had to sit on a chair and was given a card from each member. She had to read out each card, plus the member was given a special gift from all the club members (of money).

Our dinner was served with wine. The club members had made the dinner and were helping to serve. The meeting was held in a private home. It had a cosy feeling, and the members enjoyed warm friendships and were happy to be together. They take care of each other at other times. They meet outside club meetings, and participate together with other Clubs. ***They were friends.***

This meeting visit impacted me with many good feelings. Was this something I could bring back to my Club. To celebrate each other's birthdays; to speak about private things like Sunshine and Shadows, which of course is their choice; could this make a better fellowship to others joining Inner Wheel.

The Melbourne Convention has special meaning for me after meeting the members of the Narre Warren Inner Wheel Club.

Reidun Abrahamsen,
Royken-Hurum Inner Wheel Club
NORWAY

Som deltager på den 18. Convention i Jaipur digitalt tillot jeg tankene gå tilbake til de Conventions jeg har deltatt på. Det har blitt 12 i alt med denne digitale Convention. Tankene mine stoppet ved den siste i Melbourne i 2018.

Kanskje ikke på selve Convention, men oppholdet etter Convention. Helene Torkildsen, Birgit Bye og jeg var så heldig bli invitert til Wigdis Walde, som flyttet sammen med familien sin fra Stavanger til Australia, til et minneverdig 3 dagers opphold. Hun er medlem av Narra Warren Inner Wheel klubb, som deltok aktivt på Convention, sjef steward og stewards. Meget aktive damer. Vi ble meget godt tatt hånd om. Sightseeing, lunsjer og sosialt samvær med en eller flere av klubbens medlemmer. Det jeg husker best, var at vi norske ble invitert på et klubbmøte hvor de også skulle feire et av medlemmenes fødselsdag. Vi fikk beskjed om å kle oss ut som fotballfans i bursdagsbarnets favorittklubbs farger og Wigdis ordnet med fotballskjerf til oss. Det ble et

Melbourne2 2018: Helene, Wigdis, Reidun og Birgith



fint møte hvor vennskap stod i høysetet. Møtet startet med klubbsaker. Videre så hadde de en post på programmet «Sunshine and Shadows» hvor klubbmedlemmene delte sine glade og triste historier som hadde hendt siden sist de møttes. Det kunne være et av medlemmene som hadde vært på deilig ferie eller at et familiemedlem var syk. Dersom du ikke ville dele noe så var det ok også. På den måten blir medlemmene godt kjent med hverandre og kan ta vare på hverandre. Jeg synes det var en fin ide å ha det som en programpost.

Da det formelle møtet var over, ble bursdagsbarnet satt på en stol og fikk et kort fra hvert medlem overlevert. Kortene måtte hun lese opp, pluss at de hadde spleiset på en gave (fast sum). Middag bestående

av flere retter med vin ble servert.

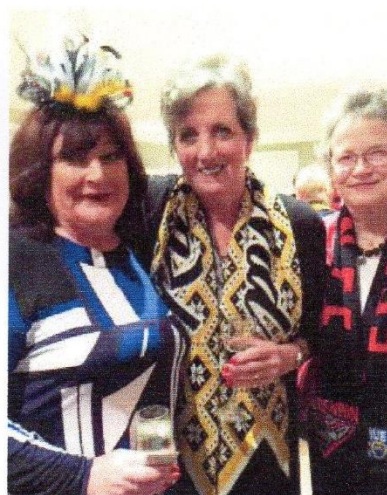
Medlemmene selv hadde laget maten sammen med vertinnen. Møtet ble holdt privat. Det var god stemning med mye glede, og et møte med medlemmer som var godt sammenspleiset, var glade for å være sammen og tok vare på hverandre i hverdagen. De treffes utenom klubbmøtene og de deltar ofte på andre Inner Wheel arrangement. De var venninner! Jeg satt igjen med en meget god følelse etter dette klubbbesøket. Var dette noe jeg kunne overføre til egen klubb? Det å feire hverandres dager, det å snakke om private ting «Sunshine and Shadows», som selvfølgelig var frivillig,

skaper et felleskap til etterfølgelse. Melbourne Convention fikk en annen mening for meg etter møtet med medlemmene i Narra Warren Inner Wheel klubb.

Reidun Abrahamsen,
Røyken-Hurum IVK



Melbourne 1 -3 klubbvenninner. Bursdagsbarnet i midten med norsk skjerf



Melbourne3 Bursdagsbarnet sammen med klubbvenninne og Helene

