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Inner Wheel Australia President  
Lynne Davine  
2022-2023



*Zenaida Farcon*  
International Inner Wheel  
President 2022-2023

## **Inner Wheel Australia**

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## **Inner Wheel Australia**

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## **International Inner Wheel Board Director**

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(Blayney)

## **National Representative**

Susan Chisholm  
(Wyong)

## IWA President Lynne's thoughts



Greetings to you all,

How the time has flown from all the planning and details of meetings, Changeovers and visits to other Districts and Clubs and now into another Inner Wheel year of service and friendship.

It is wonderful that we can all meet together face to face with no unexpected cancellations. How we have missed our gatherings and from the level of chatter in each meeting, we are all overjoyed to be back together.

I am heartened by the good will and congratulations from so many members as I take on the Chain of Office of President of Inner Wheel Australia supported by a highly experienced, hardworking and willing Executive team. It is indeed a great privilege and honour to lead our amazing organisation through the next twelve months.

Plans are well and truly advanced for my visits to each District, and I can't wait to meet everyone across Australia.

Our National changeover and meetings in Warragul were well attended, so many gorgeous outfits for our Friendship Night, such imagination from so many of you. What a relaxed and friendly evening it.

Our more formal changeover dinner was beautifully decorated by our amazing team from A62. It looked elegant and everything went perfectly to plan. Thank you all. It was lovely to be able to thank and honour those of you who have served so devotedly through these very difficult times, all credit to you for your determination and oversight of our Districts and Clubs, your leadership and dedication is truly appreciated.

I hope you all got to enjoy some of our beautiful Gippsland while you were here, even though it was in the depths of winter, it is still one of Australia's most prosperous and picturesque farming areas.

Our Council Meeting was well attended with such stoicism from the Council members in our rather chilly venue. We were well catered for and attended to by our local clubs who were so quick to attend to every unexpected event, blankets and scarves appearing from nowhere, a bus arranged at the last minute, breakfast suddenly catered for when we discovered the restaurant wasn't open early enough. A lively and informative meeting made it all very enjoyable, thank you all. We learn from each other as we share our experience and knowledge.

The IWA Executive will be travelling to Sydney in August for our first Executive meeting of this Inner Wheel year. It has been impossible for me to inspect the Conference venue so far, but I am looking forward to doing this while in Sydney.

I hope you have devoured all the information for our upcoming Conference in October. Lots of planning has gone into some wonderful events. It will be three years since we had a conference, so no doubt you will all be endeavouring to be a part of the highlight of our year. Two years of planning have gone into making this so special, after having to cancel two conferences in Wangaratta. Our conference committee has worked diligently to create a great gathering of Inner Wheel members. We are also very honoured to welcome our new International President, Zenaida Falcon to our conference, it's been some years since we have had this special privilege.

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Don't forget to register by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August to qualify for the Early Bird Prize of \$250.

I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you at our 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual conference at Sydney West HQ. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

See you in the spring.

"Work Wonders"

*Lynne Davine*

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## Margaret Golding Winner

Congratulations must go to **Helen Comport** of Berwick in A62 for receiving the Margaret Golding Award. This award, named after the founder of Inner Wheel, is presented to Inner Wheel Members who have given outstanding personal service to the local and wider community and must be completely unconnected with work on behalf of Inner Wheel or for Inner Wheel fundraising. Helen's award certificate states "In recognition of the establishment of Quilts of Valour Australia Inc, which recognizes the service, sacrifice and valour of Australia's War Veterans and their families."

Helen founded Quilts of Valour Australia following a tragic helicopter incident in Afghanistan. Many young soldiers lost their lives and Helen's son was seriously injured. He was flown to a hospital in Germany to be treated. Whilst he was there he saw a beautiful quilt and asked if he could use it. He was told that it was his. The quilt was made by quilters for "Quilts of Valour" in the United States. When speaking to his mother, Helen, he said how wonderful it would be if there was such an organisation in Australia for our veterans.





Inner Wheel Australia  
Changeover Weekend  
Warragul



Friendship Dinner



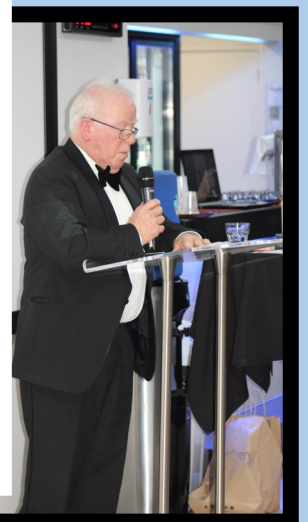
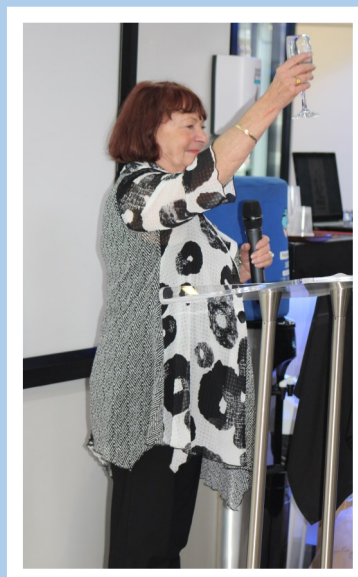








## IWA Changeover







IWA Executive & Council Members



## Meet the IIW President 2022—2023



Zenaida Y. Farcon, or Zeny, as she is fondly called, is a dedicated and committed Servant Leader of Inner Wheel. At a very young age of 28, she joined the Inner Wheel Club of Marikina in 1988. She was recruited by her mother-in-law, Past National Treasurer Lourdes Farcon. With barely two years' experience as a club member, she served as President in 1990. In 1994-1995, she was elected as Chairman of District 380. As District Chairman, she sat on the Board of Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. She concurrently served as National Secretary and Chairman of the National Leadership Training Seminar.

She served again as President of her club when her husband became President of the Rotary Club of in 1996. It was to honor the tradition of her husband's Rotary Club, where both husband and wife serve as President of the Rotary Club and the Inner Wheel Club as a team.

Zeny Farcon has high Organizational Sensitivity, exhibiting respect for the diversity of members, clubs, and districts while preserving systems thinking and big picture image. Her passion and love for Inner Wheel moved her to serve in higher positions and important committees. Her engagements in these activities showed her Competency in Project and Events Management.

Her entry into the National Board of Trustees of Inner Wheel Clubs of the Philippines, Inc, was progressive and developmental, serving as Deputy National Representative in 1995, First Vice President for two terms in 2000-2002, Internal Auditor in 2002-2003, National Representative in 2003-2004.

Given her sincerity, dedication, generosity, hard work, leadership management competencies, and experience, Zeny, at age 47, was ready to sit as National President in 2007-2008.

Her competency in "Managing Change and Transitions" made her a significant Contributor to the historic First, Second, and Third Leadership Summits.

Zeny was a member of the National Learning and Development Committee and a Subject Matter Expert (SME), and served as Resource Speaker in National and District Leadership Training Seminars.

Zeny is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) by profession. She graduated Cum Laude. ] She is currently managing her accounting and auditing firm. She is married to a Lawyer-CPA, Past District Governor Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr, Rotary International's Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser for Zone 10A for Rotary Year 2022-25.

They have three children.

§ JAYJAY, eldest, is a CPA and a Juris Doctor Law graduate and recently passed the BAR exams

§ their second JOJO is a practicing lawyer and newly married to MACRI, who is also a lawyer

§ their youngest ZARAH, is a former TV scriptwriter, graduated Second Honors from Law School with a degree of Juris Doctor and recently passed the BAR exams.

Zeny is celebrating her 34 years of friendship and service in Inner Wheel. She served as IIW Board Director in 2019-20 and 2020-21. She was elected as IIW Vice-President for 2021-2022. Zeny is prepared to serve as IIW President for 2022-23, where her dedication and competence shall contribute to the continual improvement of the management system of Inner Wheel, the organization she loves most.





*IWA Vice President  
National Representative  
Susan Chisholm  
Wyong, NSW*

I grew up on the NSW Central Coast and moved to Sydney in 1986 when I began work as a Probationary Constable attached to Darlinghurst Police Station – where I met my training buddy, Norm. We have now been married for 31 years. Our son still lives in Sydney but 3 daughters moved with us when we moved to the Central Coast 9 years ago – back home for me, a new experience for Norm and the girls. I have also worked in retail and aged care, have taught scrapbooking for 20 years and am learning to paint with watercolour and acrylics.

My adventures in Inner Wheel began 24 years ago when we were living in Castle Hill and I remember Mum, an Inner Wheel member since I was very young, ringing to let me know she had heard of a new club forming near me. Excited about the prospect of being able to do something to give back to our community, I started attending meetings of IWC The Hills and was a Charter Member in November 1998. At the time my membership was possible because I was the female relative of a Rotarian (actually 2 – my Grandfather and Father). I'm so glad that the opportunity to enjoy Inner Wheel has since been extended to all women.

I later became a Charter member of IWC Sydney Inner West and when we moved from Sydney I transferred to Mum's club, Wyong. I'm not sure I really had a choice in that!

When I joined Inner Wheel, at the age of 33 and with 3 children under 4, I never envisioned what

was ahead and through holding various positions at Club, District and National levels have learned so much about myself, Inner Wheel and other people. I have stretched and challenged myself, I have become stronger and more confident, and I believe I have

instilled these qualities in our daughters as well as the importance of always being true to yourself. I believe if you are not true to yourself, you are unable to be the best version of yourself and you cannot give your best to others.

One more thing...keep smiling!



#### Art Concept

The creation of the stars is a wonder of creation across cultures and time.

The figurines in Inner Wheel blue and yellow represents the members, in lively pose as they show their amazing and spectacular work.

The stars in the colors of the rainbow representing the myriad of activities in all spheres. The rainbow of lights when combined is the white light that Inner Wheel women shines to the world.





*IWA Secretary  
Pauline Brewster  
Narre Warren, Vic*

I was born in Lancashire England, arriving in Australia as a 7 yr old. I learnt ballet and tap dancing followed by calisthenics, my sister and I were taught to swim as all good Aussies are and swam competitively at inter club meets and school and inter school sports, we were pretty good at athletics too. I left school in year 10 to start a 4 year apprenticeship in hairdressing. Whilst a Sunday school teacher in Armadale I met my husband David. We married there in 1968, we have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

I played competition tennis for 20 years, I love reading, the garden, theatre, dining out and travelling.

I joined Inner Wheel Club of Boronia in 1986 and held many positions including President, Secretary, Treasurer twice, Historian and Editor many times. Expanding my circle of friends I joined A61 District as Social Convenor, followed by Secretary/J.V.Chairman, Chairman & IWA Council Member. In 2006-07 I was IWA Secretary and then 5 years as IWA Merchandise Officer.

In 2013 we downsized to Cowes transferring in 2015 to Phillip Island club. Club Editor for 4 yrs & A62 District Secretary in 2018-19. Club Treasurer & Editor 2021-22. We returned to metro Melbourne into a lifestyle village in Officer South in 2020, I transferred to Inner Wheel Club of Narre Warren in March 2022.



*IWA Treasurer  
Lorraine Hyde  
Wyong, NSW*

As we start another Inner Wheel year, hopefully we can put behind us the last two years. Disruption started early thanks to the dreaded Coronavirus. For many clubs and districts, it was two years of learning new skills – just to stay in touch. Congratulations to all those members who overcame the difficulty of Zoom meetings and found various ingenious ways of raising money to support their local charities.

The torrential storms during March and April this year caused many cancellations on planned events for "Sean's Two for Ten" Walk. However, once again members were able to make changes and the final total (including donations and some late deposits from the 2020 walk) resulted in a grand amount of \$46,504. A great effort under the circumstances.

Certainly, in my 46 years in Inner Wheel, it was the most challenging two years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2021-2022 District Treasurers that I had the pleasure to work alongside. A big welcome is extended to several new district treasurers, as well as our ongoing district treasurers, to another Inner Wheel year.

Hopefully, 2022-2023 will be back to normal and at last we can all look forward to attending the IWA Conference in October. The Conference Committee are working hard to bring an exciting conference to our members.

Welcome to all the new members, who may be reading this magazine for the first time and congratulations on becoming part of our wonderful organisation.



# National Project Report

I must start this report with congratulations and a big thank you to Past National Project Coordinator, Dallice Robbins. Dallice took over this role in 2020-21 and introduced us to the concept of “Seans 2 for 10”, using the story of a boy’s trip through his illness & the successful outcome, well known public profiles as ambassadors and ultimately raising the public awareness of Inner Wheel. Well done Dallice, you worked tirelessly through some difficulties & doubters and our members thank you.

This years Cord Blood Coordinators have already met on Zoom and are dedicated to the enthusing their members and raising more funds for our wonderful cause, Cord Blood Research.

All clubs will shortly be advised of the availability through your Coordinators of a Polo Shirt designed for Cord Blood. This is a great design and a special price of \$40 GST & freight inclusive has been negotiated. It is hoped that many of you will avail yourselves of this shirt to wear during your fund raising activities.

Designs are being sourced for a new brochure featuring strongly on our National Project as well as a Red pen as the sole merchandise for sale. These will be presented to the IWA Executive for approval.

Conference 2022 looms at last!! The National Project Committee is working hard to bring to you a wonderful presentation on the Project during the opening ceremony.

During the last financial year our clubs raised the amazing amount of \$138,368.16, This was made up of Donations (General Fund Raising) \$80747.45, Seans two for ten \$46504.41, Merchandise sales \$11,116.30. Great effort. Funds from the previous year’s efforts resulted in three grants being awarded. A grant unable to be fulfilled due to Covid restrictions and returned to IWA, meant that an additional fourth grant was award. We look forward to hearing about the successful grantee’s for this year at our Conference in October.

Members have voiced their disappointment at the demise of “Read the Red”. This will be reinstated on a bi monthly basis, listing clubs who have donated funds.

IWA Executive have advised the renaming of Seans two for Ten to Inner Wheel Australia Walk for Cord Blood Research, shortened to IWA Two for Ten walk. The program remains the same with walkers donating \$10 for walking 2klm. Walk date is the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (though as usual any date around that time can be chosen) with funds attributed to that walk to be with Treasurer Lorraine by the 28<sup>th</sup> April

A61, through Anne Wettenhall has once again, with the support of IWA Executive & National Project Committee, organised an Australian wide raffle with excellent prizes. I commend this raffle to you all, \$5 a ticket could win you some very excellent prizes. This is an “in house” raffle, only intended to be sold amongst our members. A61 successfully raised \$14,000 from last year’s raffle.

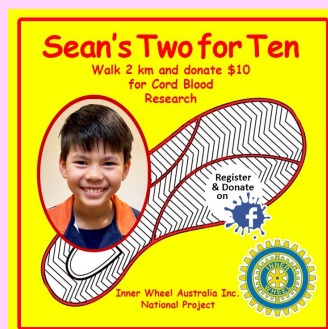
I know as members we value strongly our National Project and your efforts to work raising further funds will be ongoing.

Take care and **Work Wonders**

*Robyn*

Robyn Gillespie

National Project Coordinator.



## Introducing The District Chairman



***District A40 WA  
(16 Clubs)  
Coralie Deshon  
IWC Kalamudra***

I am very honoured to become the A40 Chairman and look forward to fulfilling the role. Our Changeover was attended by over 70 members as this was preceded by our 117<sup>th</sup> District Meeting. It was a very enjoyable day for all attendees as the district was also celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with the first Chairman, Rhonda Jones a special guest. At the conclusion of the Changeover a large cake was cut by the newest and longest members of A40.

A40 is a large district with 16 clubs –three of whom are in the country. They are Kalgoorlie, Albany and Geraldton and it is always special to see these clubs represented at District Meetings. With club presidents reporting on their year's activities I was amazed and proud at the range of work being undertaken. We truly are following on the ideals of Inner Wheel with our commitment to service and friendship.

As I love interacting with people and listening to their ideas, stories and concerns, I am positive that I will find this year rewarding and memorable. I am looking forward to visiting clubs, particularly so I can engage with members who don't attend District Meetings.

This year we will be focusing on increasing our membership. We gained a few members last year. with most clubs retaining numbers. The other goal is to run an information session to try and encourage members to take on roles in clubs and district by allowing them to

understand what the role entails.

My husband Fred and I have 5 children, with a pigeon pair we decided to have another. Triplet boys were born which made five children under 5. Our life was busy, but wonderful, and we now have 13 grandchildren. We love travelling and have done so extensively.



***District A50 NSW  
(8 Clubs)  
Sue Brown  
IWC Cowra***

In accepting this collar of office , I humbly acknowledge the honour it is to be entrusted with the Leadership of District A50. We are women who take on challenges, remembering to always hold fast to the ideals of Inner Wheel :Friendship, service and International understanding We have a strong sense of purpose. Medical research on ageing has revealed that a sense of purpose is an anti-aging tool. Let's use it to thrive , not just survive.

Inner wheel can provide meaningful volunteering roles. Every member wants to know that their contribution is worthwhile. Inner wheel can make a difference in peoples' lives-to those who serve and to those who are served. *We Inner wheel members can make that happen with some compassion, some humour and some fun on the way.*

My intention this year is to know better my fellow members, to listen and to encourage each one to use her skills and experience to enrich our organization. **Engagement, enthusiasm. Empowerment.** I thank again those who **encouraged** me to stand for this position and to my husband Ian who is my forever listener, sometimes a critic, to steer me to be the best that I can be for the organization deserves no less.





*District A51 NSW  
(7 Clubs)  
Linda Pedersen  
IWC Sydney*

Last year certainly proved challenging for our District in doing things differently, being out of our comfort zone with technology, isolation and not being able to do the simple things that we had taken for granted. We are looking forward to returning to some sense of normal.

While we have all been anticipating this, some people have preferred the more isolated lifestyle experienced during the pandemic which we must respect. But it is so important that we promote social interaction for our own well-being. Just a short exchange saying something pleasant and interesting and see how well it makes one feel.

Even though I was not able to visit clubs last year, I will continue as I did last year to have monthly Zoom meetings with the Club Presidents and hear how their Clubs are coping and learn about what you they are doing. Some clubs have returned to normal meeting times while others have continued to Zoom. The biggest thing that stands out is the power of friendship that we all share. We may not have been able to do our usual fundraising activities but we have continued to stay connected and do things differently.



*District A53 NSW  
(13 Clubs)  
Carol Leaver  
IWC West Harbour*

I have been in Inner For over 20 years and have held various positions both at Club level (West Harbour) and on District. It is an honour to wear this collar. I am very proud of the friendship fun and fundraising shared by each of the clubs in our District.

The year ahead will no doubt still be challenging and I will be encouraging our clubs to support each other and their chosen charities and as they always do

#### WORK WONDERS



“  
To the world you  
may be just **one person**,  
but to one person you  
may be the world.

DR. SEUSS





*District A54 NSW*  
*(8 Clubs)*  
*Carol Chiswell*  
*IWC Leeton*

I'm looking forward to visiting the eight clubs in District A54, renewing friendships and getting to know club members I haven't met yet. Holding the position of District Chairman is a privilege because it provides an opportunity to see what great things each club is doing for their local community. It is at Club level that the objects of Inner Wheel are achieved. It is also at club level that we will "work wonders" for our local and wider communities.

Our District meets four times a year, at Changeover, Christmas, a picnic meeting and a friendship day. It is at these meetings that we have the opportunity to meet new friends, to discuss each club's activities and to have fun. During my year, I want to encourage more club members to take the opportunity to attend District meetings, to meet more members and expand our circle of friends.

I hope my year as District Chairman for A54 will result in increasing our sense of community as we gather at club meetings, district meetings and the conference. I hope members have a wonderful year by socialising, fundraising and enjoying themselves.



*District A55 NSW*  
*(10 Clubs)*  
*Christine Gallagher*  
*IWC Alstonville*

As a relatively new member of Inner Wheel, I wish to thank the members of our District for electing and having faith in me to be your Chairman. I will not be able to do justice to this position without the input, support, assistance and guidance from experienced, new and dedicated ladies who form our District Committee this year.

I am fully aware we need to encourage new members to our clubs and District. We need to do some things differently while continuing with the ethos and core values of Inner Wheel.

Primarily my goals and aspirations for our District are:

- \*Promote Inner Wheel within our communities to attract new members

Each of our clubs recruit a minimum of 4 new members this year which would achieve 40 more members in our District in total.

Promote the value of our District so that members want to participate.

Have fun and continue to modernise what we do and how we do it at Cub and District level.

Continue to provide support and assistance to our communities, be it homelessness, prevention of child abuse and neglect, victims of domestic violence or someone or family in need of educational or special needs assistance.

I cannot say I have all the ideas and will look to our membership for their valuable input and ideas to achieve the above.

*"Together We Achieve More"*



***District A60 Vic  
(6 Clubs)  
Lesley Glover  
IWC Echuca***

Lesley Glover moved to Echuca from Melbourne 10 years ago and joined Inner Wheel 8 years ago following encouragement from a church friend. She was President of the Echuca Club from 2018-2020.

Lesley trained as a medical secretary and office manager, working with several surgeons. Later on, she became a Personal Assistant to corporate CEOs.

Lesley married John, a medical radiographer, 48 years ago and has a daughter and a son plus two grandsons.

As a mother she was extensively involved in her children's school activities, also becoming involved in school principal selection panels.

Lesley has extensive experience in the Girl Guides, having received the Queens Guide Award and training as a leader of handicapped girls.

In her spare time, she enjoys travel, cooking and entertaining friends. Additionally, she supports John in his volunteer activities.

Lesley's goal during her period as Chairman of District A60 is to encourage her District Clubs to "Show and Grow".

Some Clubs already actively demonstrate to their local communities the sorts of things that Inner Wheel does: fundraising, charitable support and community engagement. She encourages all Clubs to continue this type of engagement in their local communities so that Inner Wheel is seen to represent something

More than a coffee and chat organization. As the community sees more of Inner Wheel then we may confidently expect that more ladies will be motivated to join the organization – growth will follow as a consequence. Hiding our light under a bushel will never work in a society that is more acutely aware of demonstrable outcomes than ever before.



***District A61 Vic  
(8 Clubs)  
Pauline Barrett  
IWC Wandin***

My first task is trying to build confidence in members to take on committee positions.

I intend to run regular zoom meetings with the Presidents so we can discuss issues they may have.

We have 2 large clubs in this District and the members only want to meet for friendship and dinner, this is good, but someone must organise the same.

I feel lack of computer knowledge may be factor, we all use mobile phones every day !!!

Latterly thinking, advertising club activities needs to be more prolific and it's also letting the wider community know about Inner Wheel.

A great place for advertising is the inside of the Ladies toilets!

By the end of my year, I am hoping to see A61 the vibrant active District, it was, which is why I joined Inner Wheel.





*District A62 VIC  
(10 Clubs)  
Diane Blackwood  
IWC Warragul*

I'm thrilled to be able to contribute so early to the IWA newsletter ! But what should I say when it's all yet to begin ? The theme chosen for 2022-2023 year by International Inner Wheel President Zenaida Farcon from the Philippines is " work wonders" and was most appropriate with my theme for our A62 changeover and my motivation for taking on this new journey. My changeover theme having to be considered long before we knew the International theme, was obvious I thought. My favour for red was top of mind; but once suggested to my club exec, one of the ladies said she'd been at a function where the host wore red but everyone else wore black and white. So I was thinking on that when a red Top with a heart jumped out at me and moved me to a more considered theme of 'unconditional love', easily applied across all our objects and 'works wonders'.... so I wore red but everyone else came in black and white.

Therefore my aspirations, plans and goals for the year are to offer and witness endless unconditional love so we can work wonders!



*District A70 SA (5 Clubs)  
Rosalie De Lurant  
IWC Nth East Sunset*

It has been a great honour for me to be inducted as District Chairman for the second time. My last time was 2017/18.

I grew up with the sense of service to community and personal service, impressed upon me by my parents and family. I was a police officer for 37 years, during which I tried to maintain that focus. As a police prosecutor, acting as an agent for victims, as a youth officer dealing with young offenders in a way to support them and as a victim contact officer within the Major Crime Branch assisting the families of people that had been murdered.

Upon retirement I registered with my local council as a volunteer and 'work' one to three days a week with senior citizens.

During this period of leadership I will be encouraging all members to 'do a little bit more' for our clubs and our wonderful organisation. To understand that this is your personal service to our community; be it local, nationally and internationally.

To achieve this I will be using our international themes. 'Strong Women, Strong World'; we all know that as women by being strong we are doing this every day and that this leads to a better world.

Work Wonders; appreciate the members that we have and ask others to help us in our endeavors to achieve our goals, which are friendship, personal service and international understanding. I will be encouraging as many as possible to work wonders and attend District meetings, IWA conference and the International Convention in 2024. Being a part of an international organisation is something that we can all be proud of.



***District A76 QLD  
(5 Clubs)  
Mary McDowall  
IWC Innisfail***

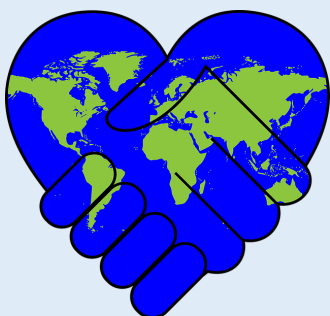
My year as District Chairman A76 began on July 16 at Innisfail's Crown Hotel Function Room. As our 21-22 Chairman Kazzandra Maunder was unable to be there in person she appeared on Zoom to hand over the collar (carried out by Past District Chairman Jenni Bennett) and all that goes with it – her Mum Monique is District Secretary and brought the collar.

I am honoured and overwhelmed to have this position and plan to carry out my duties to the best of my ability. It is to be hoped we can grow over the next year, increasing our membership in all clubs and having an impact on society for the betterment of all and in doing so make people aware of our great organisation.

I have nominated the Royal Flying Doctor Service Queensland as my charity for this year. They provide 24/7 emergency retrieval services and also provide primary and preventative healthcare services to regional, rural and remote Queensland communities.

Inner Wheel friendship is found everywhere throughout the world, but I know it abounds among members in this district and I look forward to visiting each club. As I am travelling South soon, it is to be hoped that I can attend meetings in Albury and some Victorian clubs.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend this year's IWA Conference in Sydney in October.



**International  
Understanding**



***District A77 QLD  
(14 Clubs)  
Christine Bush  
IWC Bundaberg Sunset***

I am honoured to be the 2022-2023 District Chairman for A77 after being inducted at our 33rd District Changeover held recently in Bundaberg. A memorable evening of wonderful fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all able to attend, despite the continuing presence of Covid within our Communities.

I am excited to be the Chairman of a dedicated Executive Committee and District of committed Members who volunteer selflessly to ensure the ideals of Inner Wheel are promoted. Our Executive Committee will continue to work together to ensure that the wishes of our Members, voiced during Forums and a recent Club survey, are actioned to achieve positive outcomes thus enhancing the survival of our A77 District. .

Regular Zoom chats for Club Presidents will continue with the aim of providing support, encouragement, and the sharing of ideas that may help each Club with concerns they may be facing. It is hoped that these 'Chats' will also foster interest and insight into the roles of the Executive Committee, which we all know are becoming harder to fill each year.

My main aim will be to continue to support Clubs, particularly to maintain members, ever hopeful of membership growth in District A77, and to see members enjoying their fellowship as together we continue to 'Work Wonders' throughout this Inner Wheel year.



## Non-districted Clubs' Presidents

*Sue Chambers*

*IWC Clarence*

*Tasmania*

I am a relative new member of Clarence Inner Wheel, although many years ago, for only a very brief period I was a member of Howrah Inner Wheel. At that stage we were the wives of Rotarians.

Taking on the role of Vice President last year has given me an insight into how the IWCC operates, as well as an opportunity to get to know Club members. I am now about to take on the role of President at the start of my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of membership, this is going to be an exciting, challenging and very daunting experience. Our previous President, Maree Godleman has "very large shoes that can't be filled".

However, Clarence Inner Wheel have the most amazing group of women, active, supportive, up to any challenge and always eager to develop our club and volunteer their knowledge. This year will be our first year of being a non-districted Club with A80 folding. This opens new challenges for us, ensuring we maintain the ethics of IW, but being able to create our own fundraising choices, whilst maintaining our commitment to Cord Blood.

My aspiration for our Club is to ensure that each challenge is a success and each member is supported in true friendship.



*Jean Weeding*

*IWC Mersey*

*Tasmania*

My name is Jean Weeding. I have just been inducted as the new President for Inner Wheel Club of Mersey.

I am a mother of 3 daughters and grandmother of 9.

Whilst growing up we were encouraged to participate within our farming community and have been a part of several organisations over many years.

I am from a farming family and have lived on farms all my life.

I am also a member of Rotary and have held many positions at Club and District level.

I moved to the North West Coast some 3 years ago and joined Inner Wheel as a way of meeting new people and making friends. I have not been disappointed.

Our Club is small but where we lack in numbers we make up for with enthusiasm.

It is a social group of likeminded women.

We support local groups who are in need of assistance and support but also ensuring that we participate in national and overseas projects.

In these changing times it is more necessary than ever that we ensure that we help less fortunate than ourselves. those

I am looking forward to my 12-month term of office.





*Liz Coughlin*

*IWC Scone*

*NSW*

I was born and brought up in London. I became a teacher and met my future husband at the International School of London. After we married, we went to live in his home country of Rhodesia, which became Zimbabwe, where our three girls were born. When problems began in Zimbabwe, we decided to look for other opportunities abroad. We were both offered posts in Spain at an International School. Unfortunately, the school closed and we had to apply elsewhere.

This was the beginning of our travels as we then taught in Argentina, South Africa, Thailand, El Salvador, Malaysia, and Turkey. Our last posting was in Istanbul where we lived for 15 years. Once we retired, we decided to travel to visit friends and relatives around the world.

By then, two of our daughters had emigrated to Australia, and become Australian citizens. We arrived in Australia in November 2019 ready to enjoy a family Christmas. We found ourselves in lockdown in 2020, because of covid. We enjoyed the Australian lifestyle, so we decided to stay here permanently and applied for the appropriate visas.

I have made many friends here in Scone, which led to my joining the Inner Wheel of Scone, and, to my surprise, being elected President. I will make every effort to carry on with the good work of this organisation, and to further our cause.

*"Volunteers are not paid  
-- not because they are  
worthless, but because  
they are priceless."*

*From the Editor  
Chris Wickes*



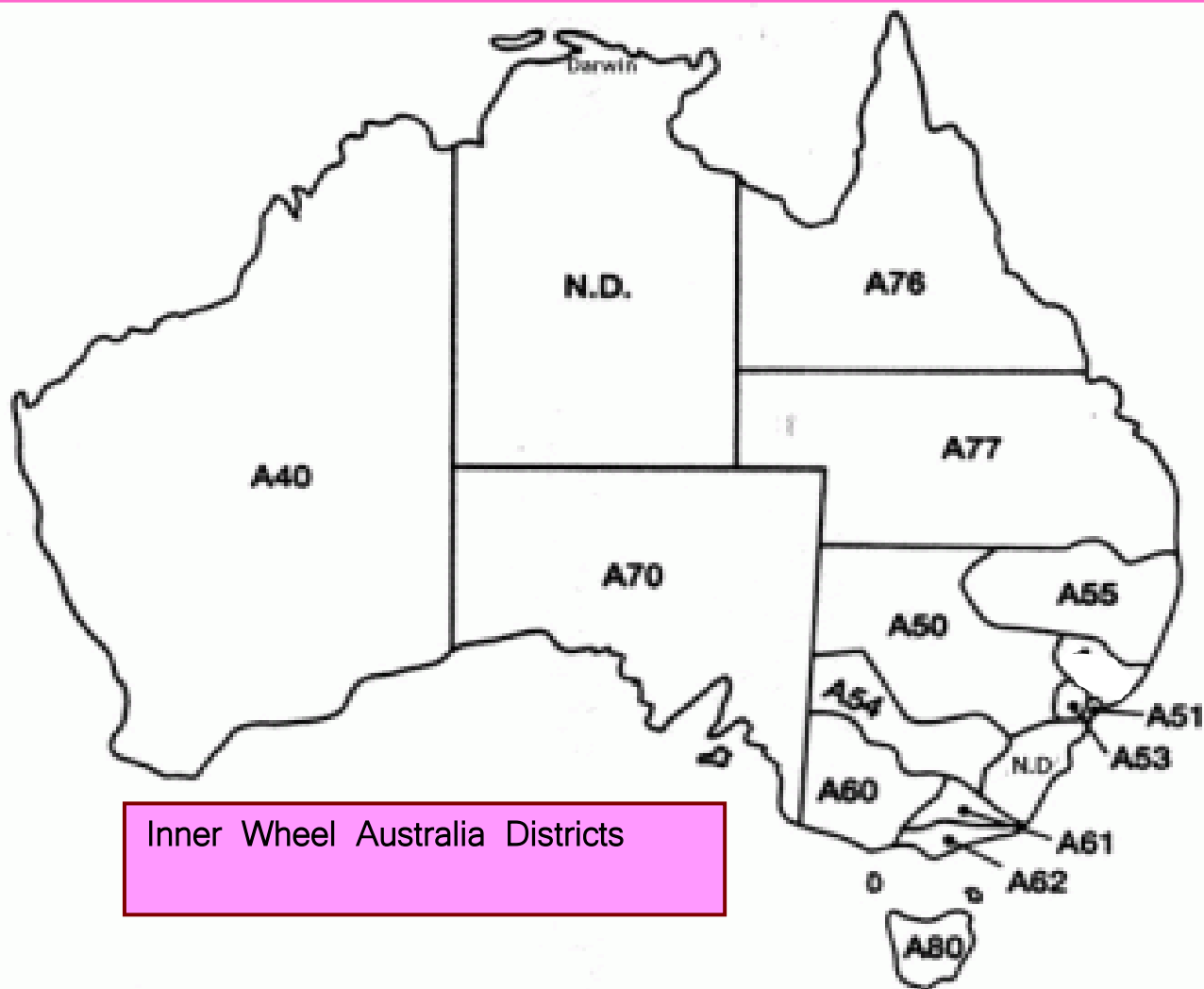
That is my International travel organized for the next two years. How about you?



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