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53rd Annual Conference

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SYDNEY WEST HQ
33 Railway Street, Rooty Hill 2766
12th-16th October 2022

2022 Conference Edition



Inner Wheel Australia

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Inner Wheel Australia

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Inner Wheel Australia

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(Blayney)

National Representative

Susan Chisholm
(Wyong)

IWA President Lynne's thoughts



Greetings to you all after a fabulous conference.

What a great pleasure it was to finally get together and enjoy the fun and friendship of a Conference again after three years.

We were delighted to welcome IIW President Zeny Falcon and her husband Jun as our guests, as well as our friends from IWNZ who never fail to support us.

Our Executive meetings began the previous weekend and were most productive. It's always nice to see each other again after spending hours on the phone discussing and making decisions the rest of the year.

The venue was most successful, the accommodation very comfortable. The weather had been threatening all week but turned out beautifully.

The Opening Ceremony and Welcome dinner were well attended, and you could feel the rejuvenation of the Inner Wheel spirit immediately. This continued through to the Council Meeting on Friday which was warm and friendly. We now have a challenge between A77 and A62 to see who achieves the most members over the next twelve months as both are neck and neck.

The Friendship night was jumping with excitement, the music had everyone up and dancing, such a fun and colourful night.

Saturday saw the full business meeting and AGM well attended with much business to deal with and three years of Proposals and Amendments to vote on. Everyone was fully engaged and the meeting, although prolonged, dealt with every last detail. We can now commence the new year with a clean slate.

The final Gala dinner was amazing. Black and White theme with bling. The band for the evening was Abbas Back and before you knew it, the floor was thumping with dancing, the buzz was extraordinary.

We were once again privileged to present three grants for our National Project Cord Blood Research. Two recipients were present to accept on behalf of their teams. We are doing a marvellous work raising money for such a worthy cause. Thanks go to Cord Blood Co-ordinator Robyn Gillespie and all her team around Australia who spend so much of their time working towards our project.

Finally on Sunday, we said our farewells and dispersed back to our homes, some unfortunately, with our nemesis Covid, myself included. I believe most are now recovered.

My personal thanks go to the organising committee who spent the past three years planning every last detail. A huge success and congratulations to Julie Thorp and her team.

I would like to also thank our IWA Executive for all they have done throughout this year on so many levels, the work is often endless and challenging, but with such an amazing team, everything is done exceptionally well.

We are also delighted to have our Executive teams developing over the next two years. At present we can welcome Julie Brzozowski, currently Media Administrator as incoming Vice President for 2023-2024. Congratulations Julie, we look forward to working with you in this exciting position.

We can now look forward to next year's conference in San Remo Victoria from the 11th – 15th October 2023. Much planning has already taken place and the organising committee are a great team preparing a wonderful experience for next year. Save the dates.

I am about to commence my visits throughout Australia and am very much looking forward to seeing as many members as possible. I begin with A50, A55, A76 and A54 from November 12th to December 5th. A busy five weekends. Traversing our regional Districts is an amazing opportunity, realising what a Big Country we live in. Some members travel for seven hours to attend District functions, which shows the dedication many members exhibit. I will have a break from travelling over Christmas and New Year and will recommence in February. So many wonderful plans have been put in place for my visits and I am really looking forward to being a part of each one.

On a more sombre note, we are all again concerned for our members in the flood affected areas spread across the whole of the East of Australia. Our thoughts are with you all and if we can help in any way, please contact us. We have you in our thoughts constantly.

There seems to be no end to the trials and tribulations of our people around the world. Let us all continue our chain of friendship to "Work Wonders" for a better world.

Paul and I wish each and every member a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a peaceful, happy New Year. Let this time be an opportunity for refreshment and happy times with family and friends.

With our very best wishes to you all,

Lynne

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Inner Wheel Australia 52nd Annual Conference Sydney



7:00—8:30am

Chairman's Breakfast

The morning started early for some with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Junior Vice Chairman, IWA Executive and other invited guests meeting with special guest International President Zenaida Farcon for breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00.



11:00am Opening Ceremony

We met in the Ambassador Room for the Opening Ceremony. Before commencing the dignitaries were introduced.

IWA Vice President and National Representative Susan Chisholm and Norm



IWA President Lynne Davine & Paul



IIW President Zenaida Farcon & Jun



IWA Secretary Pauline Brewster & David



IIW Board Director Elizabeth Tooke & Ian





Alwyn Williams



Uncle Colin



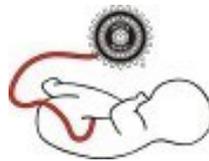
A62 Council Member Alwyn Williams lit the flame of friendship and Uncle Colin welcomed us all to country before IIW President Zenaida Farcon officially opened the IWA 53rd Annual Conference.



Kath McGrath from Gosford North received a new collar from IIW President Zenaida Farcon in preparation for their Club turning 50 next year on March 8.



Robyn Gillespie



Leigh Smith

**2:00 pm
Forum**



National Project Coordinator, Robyn Gillespie introduced Elizabeth's Story, told by her mother via video. It was the story of how Cord Blood had helped take her sickly daughter through to good health. The session concluded with A53 Council Member Leigh Smith, extinguishing the flame.

Vice Chairman Susan Chisholm, Media Administrator Julie Brzozowski and Merchandise Officer Jenni Bennett entertained us with a skit. They shared with us some ideas on Membership and about the variety of women who may be interested in joining our organization. We just need to ask them.





Presentation of Banners to IWA
President Lynne Davine and IIW
President Zenaida Farcon



A40



A50



A51



A53



A54



A55



A60



A61



A62



A70



A76



A77

6:00 pm
Welcome Dinner



IWA Treasurer Lorraine Hyde lit the flame of friendship at the beginning of the Welcome Dinner. Everyone was dressed in color. The room had native flower centre pieces.

It was very obvious from the noise that after three years people were happy catching up with old friends.

West HQ, Rooty Hill is on the land of the DARUG/DHARUG people.
The name may have 2 origins –

1. Governor King named it after Norfolk Island Rooty Hill where, when he built his Government House he had difficult digging due to the tree roots beneath the surface.
2. Captain Watson & Governor Macquarie as young men had been to India, derived the name from "ruti", the Hindustani word for wheat/bread, and wheat was grown in the area

Rooty Hill first appeared on a map in 1803.

Blacktown City Council
Rooty Hill is part of the Blacktown City LGA

International Inner Wheel Stronger Women logo
CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP IN COLOUR

Inner Wheel Club of Blacktown City



Australian Waxflowers symbolize:-

- the strength to endure difficulties that life may throw
- good fortune
- happiness
- lasting success.

Inner Wheel Club of Blacktown City

Did you read the explanation of the gift?





Hannah Cooper



FOTO GRID



RAAF Sydney Detachment Band



fantastic



The entertainment for the evening began with soloist Hannah Cooper. Hannah, who is studying to be a Primary School Teacher hopes to be a singing coach one day. She enthralled the audience with her beautiful voice with a repertoire of songs. Later we listened and sang along to the talented sounds of the Royal Australian Air Force Detachment Band.



Carol Harvey

Friday 14th October

Some had a busy Friday with the Council Meeting starting at 8:30, others had a more leisurely day attending either the Blue Mountains or the Ebenezer Church and Tizzana Winery tours. A small group of intrepid members, and one husband, participated in a walking tour of the Rocks while some just did their own thing. Whatever activity people participated in one thing was for sure many of them ended up at some point during the day sampling the ice-creams at the Sydney West HQ ice-cream parlour.

In the evening and dressed in pastels we all returned to the Ambassador Room for the Friendship Dinner. The tables were adorned with magical fairies. We were entertained by 'The Hills Harmony', regarded as one of the best barbershop style small choruses in Australia.

The night concluded with a live auction with money raised going to Grace's Place, a unique place of healing and restoration for children, teenagers and families traumatised by homicide. Money raised from the Conference Raffle and a Silent Auction also went to Grace's Place.

6:00pm

Friendship Dinner



Constitution Chairman Kay Moreland extinguished the flame.



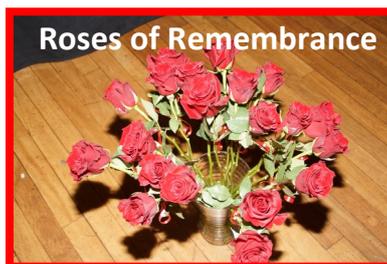


8:30am -Business Session & AGM

A40 Council Member Eluned Clark lit the flame of friendship with the words “As we light the candle again to start our business meeting let us remember the friendship it signifies and just what it means to be a friend. You have 3 types of friends in life: Friends for a reason, friends for a season and friends for a lifetime. Just remember, there is nothing better than a friend, unless it’s a friend with chocolate. “



During the Moment of Remembrance and Rose Ceremony IWA President Lynne Davine paid tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth 11. Media Administrator Julie Brzozowski remembered a total of 81 members who had passed over the last three years.



Following the minutes being passed the AGM was held.

Reports were informative, firstly from the Executive, Editor and 2023 Conference Coordinator and then the District Presidents. Each President receiving an International banner from IIW President Zenaida Farcon.





Inner Wheel Australia Inc



Conference 2023

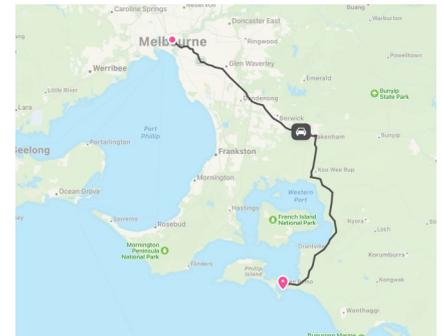
Silverwater Resort

San Remo

11th-15th

October 2023

A comfortable two hour drive from Melbourne, the San Remo /Phillip Island area offers you a lifetime of memorable experiences. With stunning natural beauty combined with the fun and friendship of an Inner Wheel Australia Conference. There is nowhere else you would rather be in October '23!



AN INVITATION

You're invited to join us in '23

Where San Remo is surely the best place to be

For the National Conference in A62

A weekend in October being organised for you



San Remo is the gateway to Phillip Island

Famous for its penguins & beach sand

A Vietnam museum & Koala Sanctuary

The Grand Prix track & a Chocolate Factory



The conference venue is outstanding

With views worthy of our grandstanding

1 to 3 bedroom apartments on site

And recreational facilities for your delight

So please come & Join us for an event so dear

No-one should miss this event of the year

Inner Wheel friendship will be at the fore

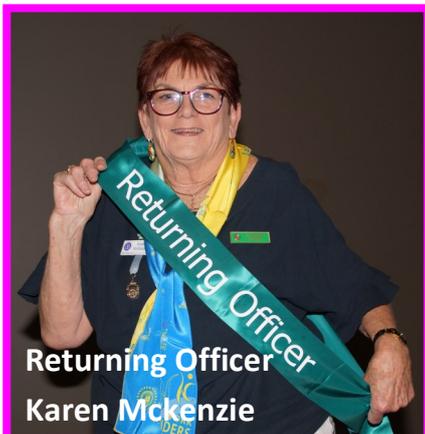
And we can definitely promise you so much more

Sue Blenkhorn

San Remo, THE place to be in '23

(Gateway to Phillip Island, Vic)





Returning Officer
Karen Mckenzie



The Counters



A50 Council Member
Kaye Preema



After a boxed lunch a lengthy voting session took place where only three motions were carried. Due to the length of the session the Presidential address was moved to the Gala Dinner.



2023 Conference Coordinator Chris Wickes and her Committee of penguins invited all members to the 2023 IWA Conference with a Power Point presentation, skit and poem. The banner was then exchanged.

IWA President Lynne and 2022 Conference Coordinator Julie Thorp thanked one another with a gift.

A60 Council Member Barbara Mitchell extinguished the flame with the following words 'There's a miracle called friendship that dwells within the heart and you don't know how it happens or where it gets it's start, but the happiness it brings you always gives a special lift and you realise that friendship is God's most precious gift.'



Thanks must go to the entire Conference Committee: Julie Thorp, Maureen Rose, Lynette Ison, Diana Howes and Christine Ananin. Well done!



Barbara Mitchell

7:00 pm Gala Dinner

'Black and white with a touch of bling' was the theme of the Gala dinner. It started off with the most anticipated guest speaker, International President Zenaida Farcon or Zeny as she is affectionally known. She kept our attention with a story about the colors of the rainbow. Vice President Susan Chisholm introduced and thanked Zeny for her interesting words.

The entertainment for the evening ABBASBACK quickly had many up and dancing or singing along. Whichever people were doing they certainly seemed to be having fun. They were fantastic!

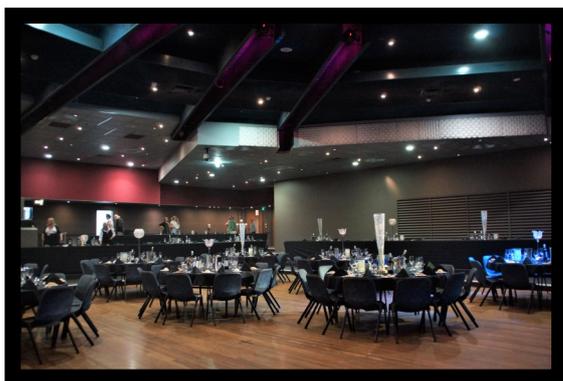


Vice President Susan Chisholm



IIW President Zenaida Farcon

Vote of thanks



ABBA



ABBA





Fun was had by everyone!



President Lynne & Dr Ying Wong



Robyn Gillespie & Dr Tayla Penny



President Lynne and National Project Coordinator Robyn Gillespie had the pleasure of presenting two of the three Cord Blood research grants of \$65,000 each. Unfortunately the third recipient could not attend. For details see the report on the next page.

We also received a heart-felt thankyou from Graces's Place.



Diana Howes draws the raffle



National Project Report

This year your District Cord Blood Coordinators continue to meet on a monthly basis and work tirelessly to help make decisions relating to our National Project. Their work in collating orders for the Red Polo shirts for Cord Blood resulted in 95 orders. Further orders are now being taken for delivery to the District early in February 2023. Just in time for the walk or your fund raising.

A very informative & attractive brochure dedicated to our National Project has been produced. This was created with a lot of input from the District Coordinators. The one & only Merchandise item has also been produced, a red pen which will be going to all District Coordinators for distribution to clubs at their request. The pens will sell for \$3.

It was rewarding to hear that three grants were awarded this year and presented at the Conference Gala Dinner. There were six applications received, making the job for our panel very difficult. The successful research project as follows:

Mapping the Immune defect in Type 1 Diabetes to the immune cells in Cord Blood.

Dr Ying Wong, Dr Tim Sadlon and Prof Simon Barry. University of Adelaide.

Development of a scalable 3D expansion system for UCB endothelial colony forming cells.

Drs Ashalyn Watt and Dr Julie Sharp. Deakin University.

Expanded umbilical cord blood cells as a novel therapy for preterm brain injury.

Dr Tayla Penny, Prof Suzanne Miller and Dr Courtney McDonald. The Ritchie Centre, Hudson Institute of Medical Research Monash Children's Hospital.

The presentation of Elizabeth's story at the conference opening ceremony was a very moving address by Elizabeth's mother, Sharon who spoke from the heart as she described her journey through her daughters illness and the successful result due to a cord blood transfer.

Each District coordinators has been provided with a USB of the presentation and it is hoped that it can be used by each club to assist with their fund raising.

A successful stall run by A53 at the Conference resulted in the amount of \$400 being raised as well as the clearing of old stock. The successful raffle run by A61 was drawn at the Friendship Dinner. The amount of \$10,000 was raised. A great result with sincere thanks to all members throughout Australia who purchased tickets.

Inner Wheel Australia Walk "Two for Ten" will have the official launch date of the 10th March but may be held on any date that suits members. This is gaining in popularity with most clubs now participating in some way.

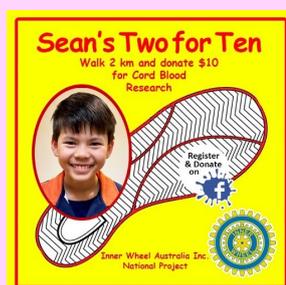
As I took on this position when there were obviously no other members willing to do this job, I reiterate that I will only continue for this year, so it will be necessary for someone else to step forward to continue this work.

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

Robyn

Robyn Gillespie

National Project Coordinator.



Are you ready for a new challenge?

News from Clubs

IWC Lismore

Birthday and Inner Wheel celebration

Wednesday 13th July saw Inner Wheel Club of Lismore President, Mikaela Lingard (nee Cooper) celebrate her 24th birthday with family and Inner Wheel friends at the clubs Changeover.

Mikaela, who joined Inner Wheel a couple of months after her 18th birthday, was inducted as the 38th President of the Inner Wheel Club in August 2021. She handed over the presidential collar to Joy Ridley at the July meeting. Due to covid and the catastrophic floods that devastated the community in February the club decided that the theme of the changeover should be a party. This celebrated not only Mikaela's birthday but also the resilience of the community. Attendees wore party hats and played party games. Mikaela's mother, who is also a Past President of the Inner Wheel Club of Lismore and District A55 Past District Chairman MC'd the evening.

The Lismore club has received donation of \$15 000 for distribution to organisations and schools.

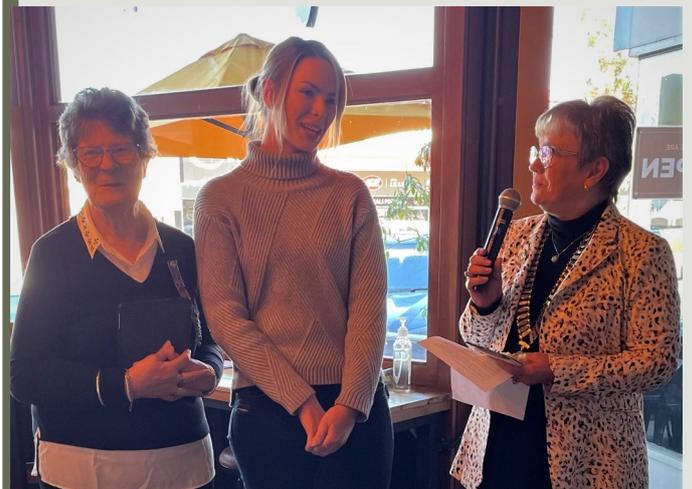


IWC Bundoora

At Bundoora inductions are all in the family.



Joanna Van Maneen as a member of Bundoora in District A61



IWA President Lynne inducting her sister Joanna Van Maneen into the Inner Wheel Club of Bundoora in District A61.

President Lynne also inducted Past Council Member Merle Maunder's Granddaughter Blair Rollands at the Bundoora Changeover in July.



From the Editor Chris Wickes

Have you ever wondered what an International Inner Wheel National Board Director does? I have been in Inner Wheel for twenty years and only had a vague idea so I decided I'd ask Elizabeth Tooke our current Board Director about herself and what she does and this is what I found out.



International Inner Wheel is an organisation which encourages women to reach beyond themselves into their communities to build friendships that strengthen the role of women across the globe. As women we bring wisdom, creativity, compassion and the hope of a better future while addressing the needs of families both in developing and first world countries. This includes promoting the status of women and the rights of the child.

Since joining the Inner Wheel Club of Blayney in 2009 I have been supported with love and understanding by my many friends within Inner Wheel. I have been encouraged to step beyond my comfort zone by women I have respected and admired for many years. Their belief in me has given me the strength to reach further into myself to give more to others through the roles I have embraced at Club, District and National level.

I am truly humbled to have been elected to the International Board as a Director by the Clubs across the world, and I am excited to be working alongside President Zenaida, her Executive team and the 15 other Board Directors who make up the Governing Body of International Inner Wheel.

As a Board Director it is my role to support the IIW Executive and my fellow Board Directors, whether it be communicating and reporting on the activities of NonDistricted Clubs, working with countries who do not have a National Representative, reporting on geographical regions allocated to me as a Director, or providing reports to the International Inner Wheel Representatives with consultative status at the United Nations.

I look forward to this new challenge in the hope that along with my Inner Wheel friends around the world I can also be a "Wonder Woman" as we strive to "Create Wonders" and "Transform, Build, Accomplish, and Inspire".

Elizabeth Tooke IIW Board Director 2022/23



Non-districted Clubs' Presidents

Grace Litchfield

IWC Tamar Valley

Tas

Having been a member of the Inner Wheel club of Tamar Valley for only two years, and been asked for my Aspirations for the coming year, I felt that to do so I would ask individual members if they had any Aspirations they would like to see.

The answer was that all were happy to continue with the social calendar as it is, and I agreed with them.

One thing I did suggest was to have a social morning tea once a month at a local bakery, very informal.

As mentioned having only been a member for two years, after being transferred from Wyong Inner Wheel, I am still learning the ladies names, and have asked that they wear their name badges at meetings. This helps a lot.

At present we are involved in quite a few charities, schools and communities, such as Womens Health, families in need, Christmas child boxes, drought and flood relief etc., and of course Cord Blood Research.

With District A80 recently handing in their Charter and after some Clubs closing, we now have only four Clubs in Tasmania. We were fortunate to have some ladies transfer to West Tamar.

We will always interact with each other with social events etc.

I am positive that we will continue to be the friendly and confident Club that we are now.



Glen Dixon

IWC Burnie

Tas

My name is Glenys Leigh Dixon (Goss). My parents were William George Goss and Hessie Isobel Goss. My father was English and my mother was Irish.

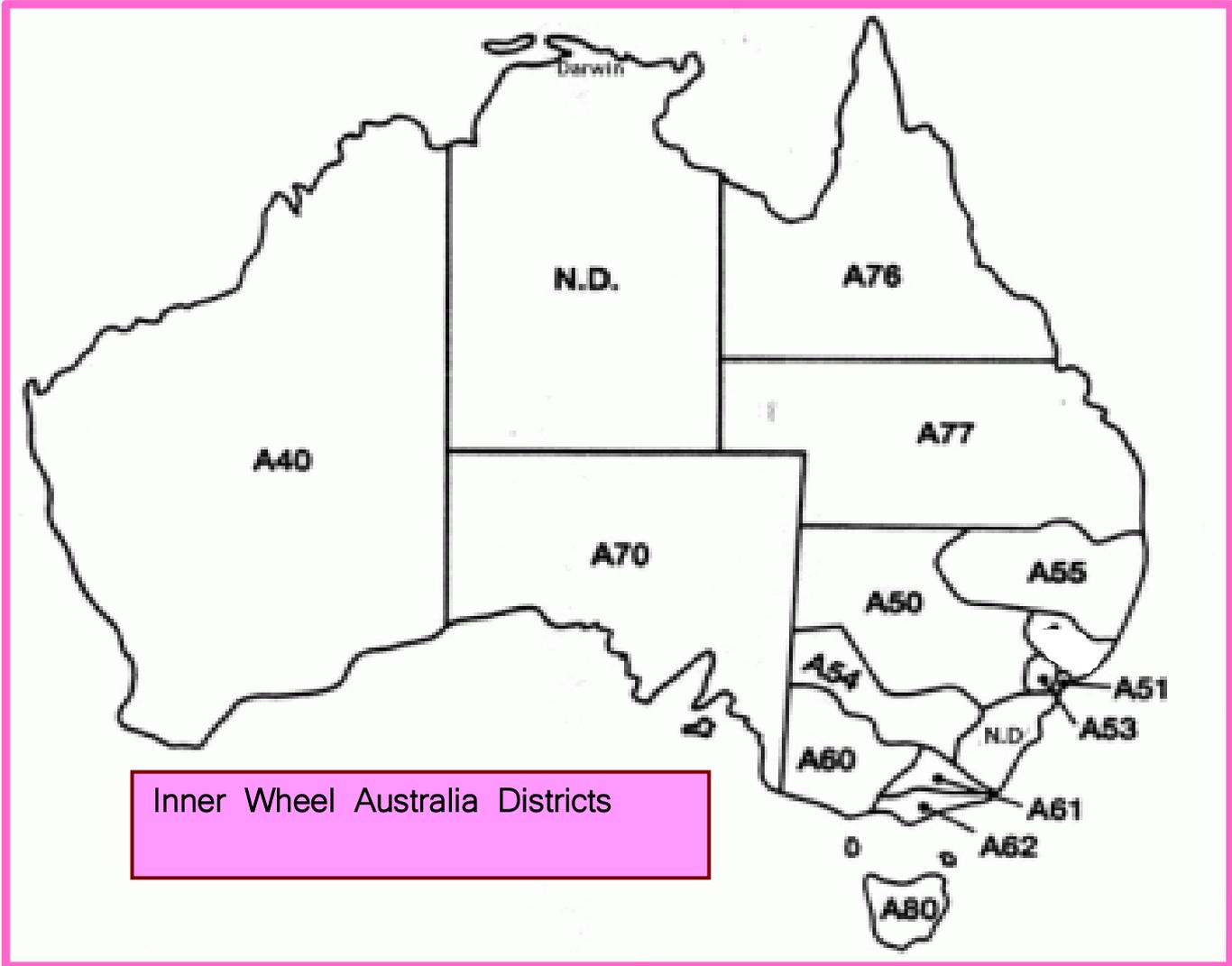
Robert Louis Stephenson is in our family tree.

I went to school at Somerville House in Brisbane from kindergarten to grade 12. Grammar used to call us Snobboville House in Vulture Street and the state high school called us Some Evil House in Vulgar Street.

I then went to University of Queensland, where I did a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education Honours and a Diploma of Education Honours.

I met my future husband David Dixon at a party in Coolangatta. I taught at St.Hildas in Southport.

On our engagement night, I had all the children in bed and was going out for a celebratory dinner with David. When I arrived at the car, all the children were hanging out the window waving and screaming and David was of sitting on the bonnet of the car waving back. The headmistress was watching. We were married in Brisbane at St Stephens Anglican church, Fairfield. 9 months later we moved to Wynyard, where my husband took over Dixons Pharmacy started by his grandfather Arthur, then his father Robert, then David and now my daughter Kathryn. The pharmacy has been there for 129 years. My niece Isabel is doing pharmacy at University of Tasmania. David and I built 5 Riverdale Crescent, Wynyard. After David died, I bought land and built 56 Old Bass Highway where I currently reside. I am now a self-funded retiree and play the stock market. My hobbies are Pergamona for which I am known internationally and qualified to teach internationally. My other interests are Inner Wheel, History Society, and Probus.



Inner Wheel Australia Districts

